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SOME THOUGHTS
FROM THE EDITOR

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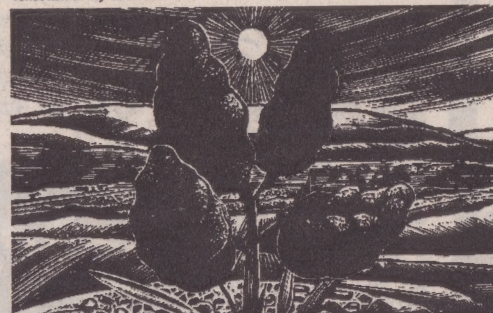
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Suggested Reading: Peace is Every Step: The Path of Mindfulness in Everyday Life by Thich Nhat Hanh (Bantam) This book was really helpful to me at a time when I was really stressed out. Much of it's about breathing and how the control of your breath will enable you to better deal with all situations. It's about being "mindful" and conscientious — about being aware of yourself and about being in the present moment.

Into the Forest by Jane Hegland (Bantam) This is a novel about a family living in the Redwood forest in the near future when society falls apart. The electricity goes out; there is no gas available; the store shelves are empty. It's about how two sisters deal with rationing their resources and learn about the natural resources surrounding them in the outdoors. Awesome reading for anyone interested in self-sufficiency and for anyone thinking on the survivalist front of the Y2K thing.

Voluntary Simplicity: Toward A Way of Life That is Outwardly Simple, Inwardly Rich by Duane Elgin (Quill) I think that the name is pretty clear — this is about living a simple life - about reducing your needs and expanding your resources; about treading lightly on the earth and not participating in consumer culture. This book is amazing with a wealth of inspiration no matter where you find yourself in relation to this idea.

The Sun: A Journal of Ideas This is a magazine that has been a huge source of inspiration for me. Unlike most magazines, it's advertising free and has a very pure heart full of integrity. The contents are quite varied from humanistic stories of life experience to more radical social and political issues. The last issue had an amazing article about the Public Relations industry and how much money is spent to manipulate everything. It's so refreshing to have a forum for unbiased new thought and I very highly recommend checking out a copy of this.

CHRONIC RIOTS IS PISM! by Fly (Autonomedia) I was so excited to see Fly's book finally come out - printed in perfect bound book form with a full color cover and the whole deal. A collection of her artwork, comics and writing. Fly rocks!

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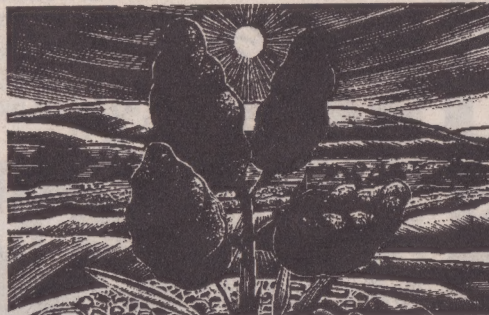
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bat waver gear. But she enjoyed it all. Each new hair color that went in - she loved. And to this day she enjoys seeing my friends with their mohawks, colored hair and crazy style. She still identifies with punk kids she sees, and carries around my green-haired senior portrait in her wallet.

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Suggested Reading: Peace is Every Step: The Path of Mindfulness in Everyday Life by Thich Nhat Hanh (Bantam) This book was really helpful to me at a time when I was really stressed out. Much of it's about breathing and how the control of your breath will enable you to better deal with all situations. It's about being "mindful" and conscientious — about being aware of yourself and about being in the present moment.

Into the Forest by Jane Hegland (Bantam) This is a novel about a family living in the Redwood forest in the near future when society falls apart. The electricity goes out, there is no gas available; the store shelves are empty. It's about how two sisters deal with rationing their resources and learn about the natural resources surrounding them in the outdoors. Awesome reading for anyone interested in self-sufficiency and for anyone thinking on the survivalist front of the Y2K thing.

Voluntary Simplicity: Toward A Way of Life That is Outwardly Simple, Inwardly Rich by Duane Elgin (Quill) I think that the name is pretty clear — this is about living a simple life - about reducing your needs and expanding your resources; about treading lightly on the earth and not participating in consumer culture. This book is amazing with a wealth of inspiration no matter where you find yourself in relation to this idea.

The Sun: A Journal of Ideas This is a magazine that has been a huge source of inspiration for me. Unlike most magazines, it's advertising free and has a very pure heart full of integrity. The contents are quite varied from humanistic stories of life experience to more radical social and political issues. The last issue had an amazing article about the Public Relations industry and how much money is spent to manipulate everything. It's so refreshing to have a forum for unbiased new thought and I very highly recommend checking out a copy of this.

CHRONIC RIOTS ISM! by Fly (Autonomedia) I was so excited to see Fly's book finally come out - printed in perfect bound book form with a full color cover and the whole deal. A collection of her artwork, comics and writing. Fly rocks! This is essential for any one reading S&L. Fly's work is an integral part of this community and I'm so proud of her book!

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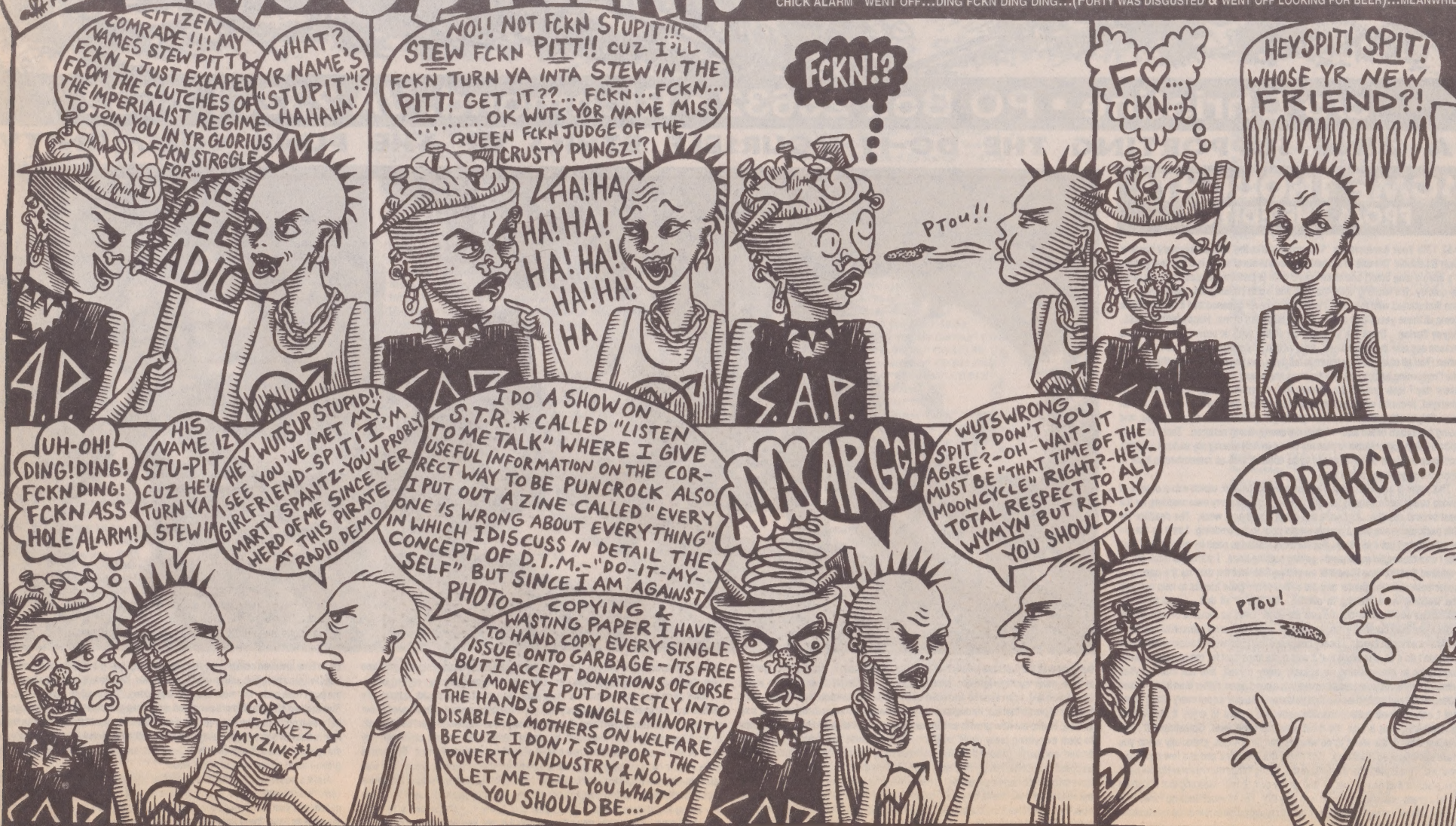
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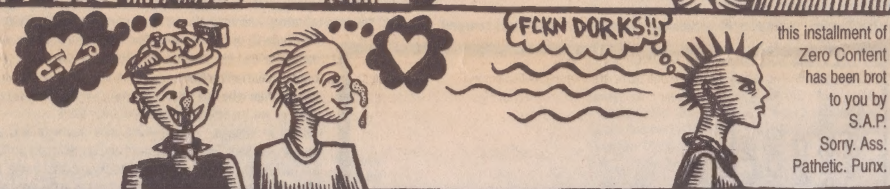
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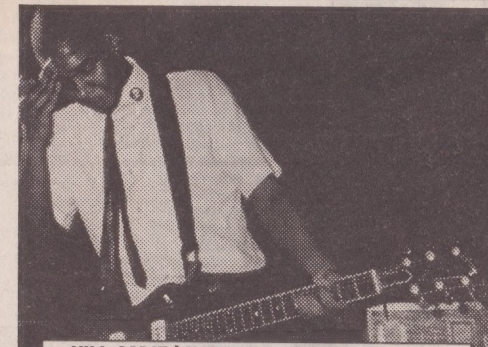
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ATTITUDE PROBLEM

Someone told me once that when punk 'began', it was to assist in giving the establishment a push in destroying the society that they already were destroying. It wasn't necessarily to 'save it', but instead a more nihilistic attitude was taken. How much weight this bears I don't know. This is just another's individual opinion. Certainly, from where I see things within the punk, 'movement', the 'movement', for want of a better word, appears to be more concerned with 'saving life', 'society', ridding ourselves of capitalism, exploitation, racism, homophobia and many of the other 'wrongs' that western culture has constructed.

However, how we go about it does still seem to differ from one to another and no way would I call the punk scene united or unified in any one set of beliefs. I would not expect that either but the scene really does seem to go from one extreme to another in its ideology and concepts. To me, the punk 'scene' seems fragmented, directionless and in a disturbing way, quite conservative in its own beliefs and outlooks.

Conservative, in that the DIY attitude, although one I wholeheartedly believe in, is so against making a profit, enabling DIY groups, individuals etc, to get better instead of this endless obsession with punk being crap and therefore remaining in this 'ghetto' which it never evolves from. The messages, often many which are much more worth hearing from the 1000 press run of a 7" or a couple of hundred copies of a zine, are belittled and ridiculed if a profit (dirty word), is even slightly hinted at. DIY, to me, is a set of principles. If you are successful in producing a product that lives up to and promotes these principles, then to expand and put forward your ideas, beliefs, outlook on life and society we live in to others without 'selling-out' these beliefs is, I think, something punks should support instead of bemoan. "Nothing happening", "No gigs", "That much for a zine?!" (whilst holding a pint that cost twice, if not three times as much). Surely the punk, 'scene' is more than this also. Yes, music is an integral part of our lives, as are records, zines and other forms of communication but I don't go to gigs to be 'entertained'. I go to gigs to meet people, talk to people, share ideas, profess concerns, watch bands who have something to say. If this is done in a DIY fashion and concept, then the principles and truths behind every band's ethics and beliefs will come to the fore. Punk has grown. It is now a capitalistic enterprise. Some labels now seem so big that their merchandise list appears longer than their record releases. Punk has joined the establishment. So much of what was considered 'punk' fashion is now accepted by the consuming majority. Not all of it however. Some still adhere to the DIY principle mentioned earlier but, as seen with the recent demise of Profane Existence, if they just ran the zine alone, the costs to produce it would have ended the Collective a long time ago. This is a real shame as zines, (and I am biased here), are to me the lifeblood of this scene. It is mostly zines that have influenced my ideas, challenged my thinking and stimulated my interest. Bands and their lyrics, attitudes too, but zines outweigh this by far.

I believe in trying to make things 'better'. I don't want to eat genetically modified food; so I grow my own or buy organic where I can. I don't want to live in an exploitative, racist world, so I express my anger when I'm confronted with bigoted attitudes. I don't want to live under authoritarian 'rules' I have no control over, so I try to use my brain to think and acknowledge alternatives.

Even in punk, toeing the line seems to be a set formula. Anarchy, another column altogether, is yes, a worthy idea, a food for thought, but what about after the revolution? What will happen to society? How will people 'stop' those removed from re-grouping and regaining power? Will 'leaders' break through from the masses? How will society be structured? Are human beings capable of large-scale co-operation and mutual aid or will the greediest work their way to the top again? Will society become just as stratified then as it is now? Exploitation of others again occurring. Do people think anarchistic ideas through? Do anarchists question their own beliefs or are their ideas too set in stone? Punk can be as realistic as any other form of music. Creativity at gigs seems so rare. The 'band' formula so rigid. Ideas can be as backward as they are progressive. Punk to me is only worth it if you live it. Resist and Exist! Create your own ideas and autonomy. Think for yourselves. Have an opinion! Don't be dictated to. Question. Put forth answers, solutions. Think about your arguments. Prove there is an alternative. Act on it! Yes, the world can appear to be a Nagasaki Nightmare but this is the only world we have, and I'm not going to let my whole life be down-trodden and formulated by those in authority forever. Unite with the oppressed of this

THE FUTURE GENERATION Happy Birthday!

This third month (March) of the year 1999 on the 3rd, my daughter will be 11 years old ... and on the 31st, I will be 33! Three is my lucky number - so the numerology of this is interesting to me. My birthday is going to fall on a blue moon (which is a 2nd full moon in the same month). The first full moon fell on the day before my daughters birthday.

I went out in the night to look at the moon and thought about the night before my daughter was born ... it was a full moon that night too. I spend that night getting rest between contractions with Mama Kitty as my (that night only - she was not my cat) faithful feline companion. The cat came to me, as if she felt my

I'm just taking stock of the situation tonight. Thinking about the balance of our relationship, her growing, and how I can handle situations fairly (to stick up for my rights too!) Thinking, I don't want a whole bunch of fighting all the time. Thinking about how to back off as a parent - but not be negligent. Thinking about the next ten years to come.

One thing I'm well aware of - is that my daughter needs me to be strong and healthy and happy and being true to myself. I need myself like that too, and at this point in the mothering game, I've gotten back to myself ... as my own self and not always a mother ... but an individual. The days of us as a symbiotic unit are way over. As a matter of fact, I don't like to think about motherhood stuff so much anymore, so this is a special little examination I'm doing now, of what are my feelings as me as a mother.

I guess I like to be a woman. I've had enough of motherhood - it's overwhelming. Yeah it flavors me (for the better I think) but I ain't no mommy all the time, no more. You need to stick up for yourself, even against the people you love, and now is the time it's natural for me to do this more - it's a time of growing independence for me too. I think about issues when I need to, I feel about my daughters feelings when I need to ... but I guess I realized last year, how damn



need, and spend all night with me as the others slept.

This full moon night is quite different. My daughter's in a separate room than me, with her friend, and wants no contact with me. Lately, my presence irks her. She gets snippy when I ask her a question about school (or just walk by her!). She wants privacy and space away from me. She is bumming tonight, but doesn't need me to (and I don't need to) comfort her. She's taking on more responsibility for her own existence (She did an excellent science fair project with absolutely no help from me - this is a first) - but she still needs me (I showed her how to use spell-check, gave her money, drove her to school) - and I still have to be the responsible one ... thus dreary domestic scenes over necessary tasks. I tell the time, time to clean up. She tells of life, what she needs.

I fully recognize her needs for space. I have the same needs which have often conflicted with her need of me, in the past. So this is a new turn of events. But I don't like her rudeness to me (treating me like a dog) and said so. Is this about the teen years to come? I've got to look into this stuff. Is this about rejecting me so she can more fully form her own identity? Perhaps, she is rejecting the embarrassing (to her) dependent childish kid she was - and my part in that. She is also embarrassed of the rust on my old Chevy (wait till I paint a Buddha on it)

scary this all is. I was touching it for a while - the raw nerve of emotion and worry.

But, I came to this conclusion; I can't feel for all the pain and growing my daughter is going to go through my god it would be agony. And I can't fix all the problems she's gonna have - that would be unhealthy. I've learned to detach a bit more.

This is my philosophy. Its about being a little more calm. Not going crazy. The way I see it, we are all gonna die so lets live while we can. However it is - well that's just the way it is. You do what you can. You might even do your very best. But then you let go. Not let it drive you crazy - cuz if you think, really think, my god it will. I'm not into being guilty anymore, I just refuse to be guilty. See, you start off trying to be the perfect parent and somewhere along the line ... things happen that you get guilty about. Yeah guilt, I know about it. Things I've done that weren't perfect child-raising. Things that have happened to us, depremental things. But damn it - I'm tired of being guilty. Mostly I do good, I think I do a lot of good things. So I stick up for myself. And its kind of a calmer state, admit when you fuck up and go on.

At some point, I guess, I realized that growing up is painful - maybe it can't be avoided. Sure my kid had a pretty ideal. I think, upbringing when she was young - sure was this beaming toddler who ate organic vegetarian food in

no more, I want to be someone who can make the best of things and who is a fighter. Things go wrong, but we can laugh (when we can) and be hard living people. Yes there is tears ... and they cleanse the earth like rain. Yes there is emptiness ... and it is the emptiness that clears a place for surprises, for new things to come to being, just as loss clears a place for gain and exhaling makes room for inhaling. Yes there is pain ... don't fear the pain, all growing hurts and sometimes the pain of your life falling apart is really the pain of you being born, for what was cracking and you were holding onto it and trying to keep it together, was not your life but a shell, and when it breaks you shall be born into a bigger world, the real world and it will be beautiful. I've learned to get used to the taste of bitter, for life is bitter as well as sweet and this is how you can transcend the pain somewhat, feel deeply but also have some healthy detachment. A couple problems aren't going to kill a kid. (Of course I don't try to make problems to build character) Problems are part of life. Its how you handle them. kind its never over, till its over.

You see, I am 33. I got this philosophy from other people, mostly books I read. I didn't think up this stuff alone, I'm quoting other people. I am 33. My daughter is 11. She is gonna go through stuff in the next 10 years that I would never want to re-live ... those were not my favorite years. Its scary to think about. I feel that I have finally gotten free of the complexes that she is taking on. I am happy with my body and except myself ... while she has to deal with growing pains and all the body image crap our society puts on a young female. I am tired, perhaps jaded and demystified of the love and lust and crushes I spent a lot of my life focused on and feel happy to return to having joy in just living (much like a young young girl) without dwelling too much on the guys ... while my daughter is boy crazy and yearning and hurting ... you could see how this can be tedious. I have conquered my shit and I don't want to hear any life overwhelmed with love-sickness, vulnerability, or negativity towards ones own self ... and my daughter is tired of hearing all my philosophy applied to her problems. Tedious as shit. She has to feel!!! I went through it and I want to spare her but she has to learn and grow and feel for herself! Probably she's gonna get her heart broken and have near death experiences and be in deep shit and have bad frames of mind. I realized that. It's gonna feel like she's dying at times and I can't help her. We are worlds apart. She's gaining more and more of what I gain less of. What strange times in our lives.

I can even see it! I look at the young teenage girls I know, I watch them change before my eyes, back and forth ... one minute you see a child, the next a woman: and you see it so clear ... you see a kid whining over ice-cream, romping around, and then you see a woman with a developing body and the issues they are dealing with are heavy drugs, sex. And I'm like this was my 10 year old and now she's 11, its getting closer to 12 and 13 - (and I'm around some 13 - 14 yr. olds to see what that is. ...eek. I just don't want her to jump in situations too fast, or to risk what she feels is right in an attempt to gain love or acceptance. Seems like there's a real void in meaning for kids coming of age. Not many ways to show their bravery - or be allowed to have more input and power in society - without doing it in a "delinquent" way. And it is a dangerous world.)

It is so strange, I see child, I see woman, visually in girls of the 11 to 15 range. Then I look at woman in their 30's, when they laugh they look like little girls, I have often been mistaken for 23, 19 - seriously, when I was 30. And then you look at them the next minute, especially when they are tired, and you see the crone, the old lady they are going to be. Its really wild. We are all going through changes. But, there's a part in you that is ageless, I do believe. Both old and young at the same time.

I have learned that "a healed heart is stronger than innocence". O.K. so who wants to watch innocence be hurt - not me ... that's why I've got to detach a little from my daughter's pain. She wants me to. It's the way of the world. But I've also got to protect her and take care of her and be her mom even if she screams. It's a balance, like everything. See these are things I've already come to terms with. I felt so scared about her life and thinking what could I do to make things better and I'm always gonna be thinking like that, struggling for better is the name of the game ... but I've also got some peace with the way things are. I would like to put her in a better environment - but I've always searched for that - cuz what forms a child is not just her mother but the wider environment around her. (I've never believed in sheltering her, we talk about everything, but I believe she needs to have positive examples and options around her, in the world at large which she is entering.) I'm not gonna loose sleep over it, things are good enough, that's the key, good enough. You have to let go, let go of your own life to gain it. I have to let go of ... whatever will be. I live with my daughter in the present, as I always has. As she grows, she forgets the life we once had ... as I grow I forget my childhood that I so vividly remembered and refused to betray, when I became a grown up, I wouldn't forget, I didn't, I remembered it all as I raised my child ... but now I forget it, I'm farther away from childhood then ever, and the lessons have been internalized, the wounds have been healed and I'm loving being in my 30's so much, feeling like all of me, all alive. I'm going to enjoy the whole ride to grey hair and beyond.

The profound realization that I have come to recently: is that just because I lived through all kinds of adolescent hell - and learned greatly from the

an extreme to another in its ideology and concepts. To me, the punk scene seems fragmented, directionless, directionless, quiet conservative in its own beliefs and outlooks.

Conservative, in that the DIY attitude, although one I wholeheartedly believe in, is so against making a profit, enabling DIY groups, individuals etc. to get better instead of this endless obsession with punk being crap and therefore remaining in this 'ghetto' which it never evolves from. The messages, often many which are much more worth hearing from the 1000 press run of a 7" or a couple of hundred copies of a zine, are belittled and ridiculed if a profit (dirty word), is even slightly hinted at. DIY, to me, is a set of principles. If you are successful in producing a product that lives up to and promotes these principles, then to expand and put forward your ideas, beliefs, outlook on life and society we live in to others without 'selling-out' these beliefs is, I think, something punks should support instead of bemoan. "Nothing happening", "No gigs", "That much for a zine?" (whilst holding a pint that cost twice, if not three times as much). Surely the punk scene is more than this also. Yes, music is an integral part of our lives, as are records, zines and other forms of communication but I don't go to gigs to be 'entertained'. I go to gigs to meet people, talk to people, share ideas, profess concerns, watch bands who have something to say. If this is done in a DIY fashion and concept, then the principles and truths behind every band's ethics and beliefs will come to the fore. Punk has grown. It is now a capitalistic enterprise. Some labels now seem so big that their merchandise list appears longer than their record releases. Punk has joined the establishment. So much of what was considered 'punk' fashion is now accepted by the consuming majority. Not all of it however. Some still adhere to the DIY principle mentioned earlier but, as seen with the recent demise of Profane Existence, if they just ran the zine alone, the costs to produce it would have ended the Collective a long time ago. This is a real shame as zines, (and I am biased here!), are to me the lifeblood of this scene. It is mostly zines that have influenced my ideas, challenged my thinking and stimulated my interest. Bands and their lyrics, attitudes too, but zines outweigh this by far.

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could see how tedious. I've conquered my shit and I don't want to hear any life overwhelmed with love-sickness, vulnerability, or negativity towards ones own self... and my daughter is tired of hearing all my philosophy applied to her problems. Tedious as shit. She has to feel!!!! I went through it and I want to spare her but she has to learn and grow and feel for herself! Probably she's gonna get her heart broken and have near death experiences and be in deep shit and have bad frames of mind. I realized that. It's gonna feel like she's dying at times and I can't help her. We are worlds apart. She's gaining more and more of what I gain less of. What strange times in our lives.

I can even see it! I look at the young teenage girls I know, I watch them change before my eyes, back and forth... one minute you see a child, the next a woman: and you see it so clear... you see a kid whining over ice-cream, romping around, and then you see a woman with a developing body and the issues they are dealing with are heavy drugs, sex. And I'm like this was my 10 year old and now she's 11, its getting closer to 12 and 13 - (and I'm around some 13 - 14 yr. olds to see what that is. ...eek. I just don't want her to jump in situations too fast, or to risk what she feels is right in an attempt to gain love or acceptance. Seems like there's a real void in meaning for kids coming of age. Not many ways to show their bravery - or be allowed to have more input and power in society - without doing it in a "delinquent" way. And it is a dangerous world.)

It is so strange, I see child, I see woman, visually in girls of the 11 to 15 range. Then I look at woman in their 30's, when they laugh they look like little girls, I have often been mistaken for 23, 19 - seriously, when I was 30. And then you look at them the next minute, especially when they are tired, and you see the crone, the old lady they are going to be. Its really wild. We are all going through changes. But, there's a part in you that is ageless, I do believe. Both old and young at the same time.

I have learned that "a healed heart is stronger than innocence". O.K, so who wants to watch innocence be hurt - not me... that's why I've got to detach a little from my daughter's pain. She wants me to. It's the way of the world. But I've also got to protect her and take care of her and be her mom even if she screams. It's a balance, like everything. See these are things I've already come to terms with. I felt so scared about her life and thinking what could I do to make things better and I'm always gonna be thinking like that, struggling for better is the name of the game... but I've also got some peace with the way things are. I would like to put her in a better environment - but I've always searched for that - cuz what forms a child is not just her mother but the wider environment around her. (I've never believed in sheltering her, we talk about everything, but I believe she needs to have positive examples and options around her, in the world at large which she is entering.) I'm not gonna loose sleep over it, things are good enough, that's the key, good enough. You have to let go, let go of your own life to gain it. I have to let go of... whatever will be. I live with my daughter in the present, as I always has. As she grows, she forgets the life we once had... as I grow I forget my childhood that I so vividly remembered and refused to betray, when I became a grown up, I wouldn't forget, I didn't, I remembered it all as I raised my child... but now I forget it, I'm farther away from childhood then ever, and the lessons have been internalized, the wounds have been healed and I'm loving being in my 30's so much, feeling like all of me, all alive. I'm going to enjoy the whole ride to grey hair and beyond.

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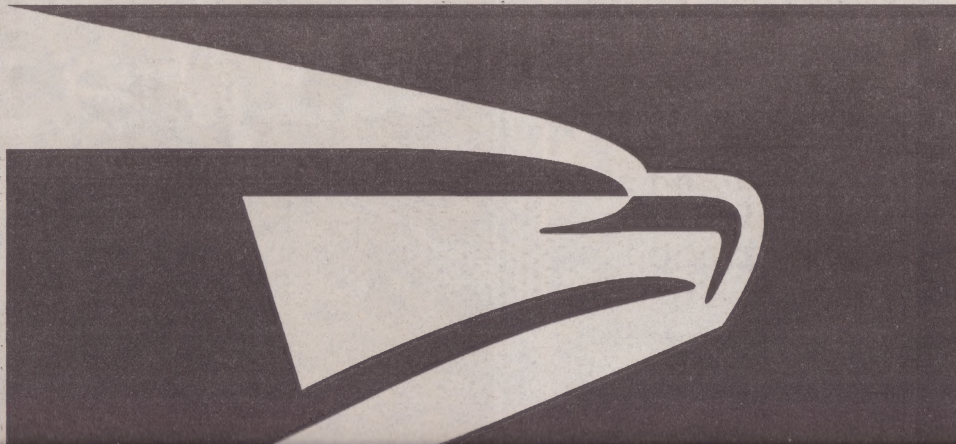
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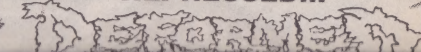
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I feel no one prepared me for growing up - I was given no advice about independent thought, or about what it was going to be like to be different, (we all have our own differences) a really tall woman-child. I heard no critique of society. I came of age in the suburbs with no subculture known to me.

My mother often regrets our move there, says my life would have been better if we never moved to that place. She feels some guilt. I feel that my mother is a little overprotective. She thinks she can fix everything; that if you're a good mom, in a good place, you'll have a healthy happy child - never mind politics. She's a farm girl, she doesn't understand my brand of insanity. I say, "Mom, I grew up to a society that was corrupt, exploitative, hierarchical, sexist, racist, in the shadow of the atom bomb ... where everything was about money, money, money, and doing what your told, in your place in the pecking order, nothing real...very repressive. And I was different." I rejected the system, or was I rejected? Perhaps I went crazy, perhaps I was self-destructive, perhaps I was unhappy - but I think that was a valid reaction to the circumstance.

What I rejected by my own feelings and in confusion, (for example: the school system, everyone hated it but we had to do it. It did not look like learning to me anymore, we weren't learning much. But we would be punished if we didn't do what they said. They said it was an education and our future depended on it.) I grew to learn the intellectual reasoning behind my gut reactions. And that helped a lot. What I could relate to in 8th grade was Pink Floyd - The Wall. But later, after I had already dropped out of school, I read Paul Goodman's Compulsory Miss-education. I saw then, that when I tried to hook school and go into the city - I was merely following my natural inclination to learn more about life - that it was healthy. I feel that knowledge is a great deal of power - and understanding can clear a path through the fog of confusion and pain.

So, I said to my mom, "What could you do, change the whole world for me - so I could grow up well adjusted? What I needed at that age - is what I eventually found - other people like me, and the subculture. With my "peer" group: we could talk and figure ourselves out and share info. and explore the outer limits. Fuck the system, eat out of dumpsters, travel around, fix up squats, make our own culture, find some freedom. That's what made me happier. A pill or psychiatrist couldn't fix the problems with me. Those experiences made me what I am, so I can't regret it!" And damn, my mom spent a lot of energy and love on me, she did her best and believed in me - not a lot of people get that - so I'm way beyond criticizing what was wrong with my upbringing.

But you see, as I found intellectual answers to be so liberating to myself - why I would think sharing my findings would benefit my daughter to avoid some of the same old crap, to evade similar pitfalls of self-hatred, doubt, and fear - to forward the revolution, ya know! Our culture is such that we can build from the experiences of those who come before us. I have always felt it was a shame that youth was robbed from the school-aged, that liberty only came at 18 - after the robbery. I thought so much time was wasted on being held back, so many true learning experiences denied, so much warping of the individuals autonomy and ability to co-operate with others under the time spent in submission to authority...that an 18 yr old is spit out with little true skills for managing life. My pregnant thoughts on my infants future as an adolescent was full of the belief that my daughter would be different; with less of her life being oppressed, she would spend more of her time on fully living life. She would not have to waste so much time trying to get back her sense of herself, for the self-esteem that every baby is born with would not be robbed from her in the first place. I thought about the behavior of a competitive

like life. And that's what is cool about being a malcontent kid and dreamer and growing up and taking on responsibilities - to see how it all comes out. To learn. Things are a lot like how I thought it would be. Just harder work and more full of inner, drama, though. Definitely, there's a lack of the supportive community I imagined I'd have.

It's strange you can live with someone from day one - and still not really, really know them. I don't got ownership over the life that came from me, and I never did. Both Clover and I are trying to find our own ways. If she thinks shopping at the Mall is cool or likes rap or whatever - she knows my point a view, I get my two cents, she got hers. I can learn something new from listening to hers.

I been airing all my concerns, but the truth be told, I can trust my daughter as basically sensible. The thing is, like George Carlin said, "Preachin' and teachin' don't do nothing. You have to get your own shit together and how you live your own life, that is the best example/influence/effect you can have on other people's lives."

I am passing on things to my daughter, but she doesn't need to swallow everything I say! Some of the things she's picked up from me, are some of my beliefs, but also some artistic creative ability that goes back to my great grandmother on down. I find it funny the little things she's picked up from me; like wearing fall leaves in her hair, the way I told her Collette did, and enjoying my white trash spaghetti that I learned how to make from a month I spent drinking in Gainesville. Odd things she picks up. I think she is less ashamed of herself than I was, and more aware that there are alternatives to the mainstream. She makes me so proud sometimes, with the odd anarchist thing she will come up with to say, at school. Mention that the black panthers started the breakfast program for children, or that fascism isn't a thing of the past - fascists burned our friends bus in Europe. But you know I am not God - I don't got a right to form this child in my image - and I am not going to. She's a real life person not some kind of theory. Its not like kids are always right and pure or adults are always right and know best. No ones perfect. But it is my responsibility to parent!

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I came home in a good mood and my kid wasn't sick of the sight of me anymore and vice a versa. We told each other about our weekend experiences - open and close. I told myself then reminded myself, again, as I always, do ... to remember to give this child of mine the gift, the year long way to show her my love, the daily gift of just treating her with Worth - better than any little trinket on a birthday ... just remember - get some patience, take a breath, don't use the abusive words when you are mad, just yell how you feel if you have to - cuz your giving the priceless gift of respect - if I don't treat my child like she is worth something - in so many little daily ways, because I am numb and overwhelmed of her company (cuz I don't get the needed time to myself) I'll have a lifetime later to regret it.

Feel, Experience, Experiment, Adventure, Grow, Survive. Happy, Happy Fucking Birthday to you and me, Clover.

Ya know I luv ya

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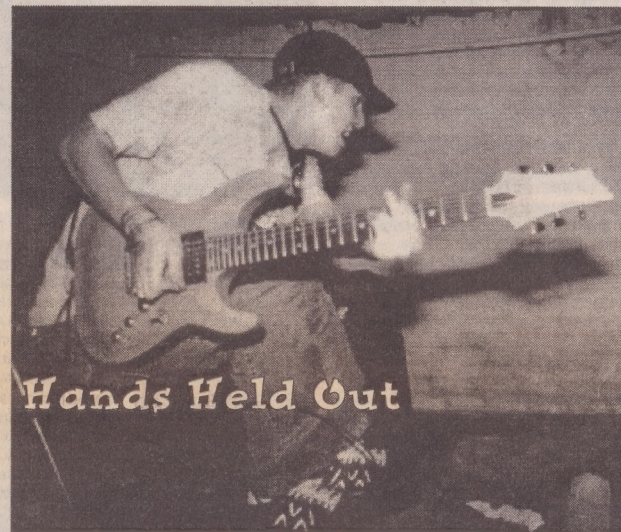
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So how did I get from the point of being willing to break up a friendship with someone I'd known and loved for years and years over the fact that they're getting married to being giddy and excited about the two weddings that are coming up in the future? I made a choice. That's right, I made a simple choice. I realized that it's not worth getting all worked up over and upset about because ultimately it is only a wedding. It is a marriage. It's not something that is going to destroy civilization as we know it and it's not going to bring about the fall of human kind. It is simply a choice that people make. They either choose to get married or they don't choose to get married. It's that simple. Basically, most of life comes down to choices. The choices that we make day to day. We choose to feel a certain way when we wake up in the morning, we choose to react to situations in whichever way we want, and we have a choice when it comes to how we view life. Every single aspect of your life comes down to a choice that you've made. You can't get a job because you have a foot long green mohawk and tattoos on your face and a piercing on every single orifice? Well, that a choice that you've made. By choosing to dress or look a certain way, you have made the choice to have a more difficult time finding a job. I wish it wasn't the case, but sadly enough most of the people hiring aren't going to be punks that think you look cool. Most potential jobs will dismiss you the second you walk in the door looking like that. But you are the person that made the choice to look a certain way and so you have to live with that choice. Another example is the words that we use. A lot of people define certain words as offensive and others as not offensive. Ultimately, it's the power that we put into the words that give them any meaning or power whatsoever. A lot of people consider the word pussy to be an offensive and negative word. As with any word, it can definitely be used in a derogatory way. But when I lived down South, I was singing in a band for a short while called Alabama Thunder Pussy. I loved the band, the people in the band with me were great and I had absolutely no problem with our band name. Our use of the word wasn't derogative in any way and it had no power attached to it besides being a part of a great band name. Basically, it's just a word. It's not a bad word. It's the way we choose to view it and the way people choose to use it that makes it good or bad. Any word in the human vocabulary can become "bad" if people use it with lame intentions. But the bottom line is that it is our choice to be offended or not offended by the use

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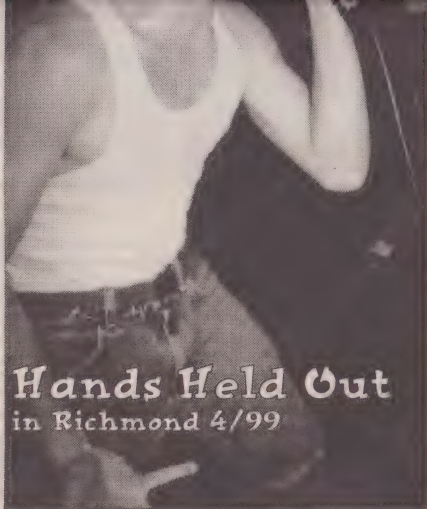
and doing what your told, in your place in the pecking order, nothing real...very repressive. And I was different." I rejected the system, or was I rejected? Perhaps I went crazy, perhaps I was self-destructive, perhaps I was unhappy - but I think that was a valid reaction to the circumstance.

What I rejected by my own feelings and in confusion, (for example; the school system, everyone hated it but we had to do it. It did not look like learning to me anymore, we weren't learning much. But we would be punished if we didn't do what they said. They said it was an education and our future depended on it.) I grew to learn the intellectual reasoning behind my gut reactions. And that helped a lot. What I could relate to in 8th grade was Pink Floyd - The Wall. But later, after I had already dropped out of school, I read Paul Goodman's Compulsory Miss-education. I saw then, that when I tried to hook school and go into the city - I was merely following my natural inclement to learn more about life - that it was healthy. I feel that knowledge is a great deal of power - and understanding can clear a path through the fog of confusion and pain.

So, I said to my mom, "What could you do, change the whole world for me - so I could grow up well adjusted? What I needed at that age - is what I eventually found - other people like me, and the subculture. With my "peer" group: we could talk and figure ourselves out and share info, and explore the outer limits. Fuck the system, eat out of dumpsters, travel around, fix up squats, make our own culture, find some freedom. That's what made me happier. A pill or psychiatrist couldn't fix the problems with me. Those experiences made me what I am, so I can't regret it!" And damn, my mom spent a lot of energy and love on me, she did her best and believed in me - not a lot of people get that - so I'm way beyond criticizing what was wrong with my upbringing.

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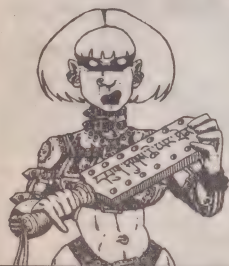
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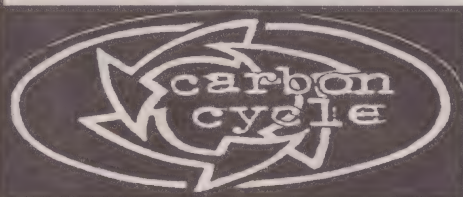
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So that's what I did. I thought long and hard about why my friendship with Leslie faltered for those few months and about what marriage really means. I made a choice to accept my friends and to understand and accept the decisions that they make in their lives. To be excited about the weddings. To be willing to celebrate the union of people that I love and care about. To look at that whole world of emotions and feelings within me and not limit myself to what I think I ought to feel or to some outdated ideal that doesn't suit me anymore. To pick and choose the creation of my world and my views and my ideals.

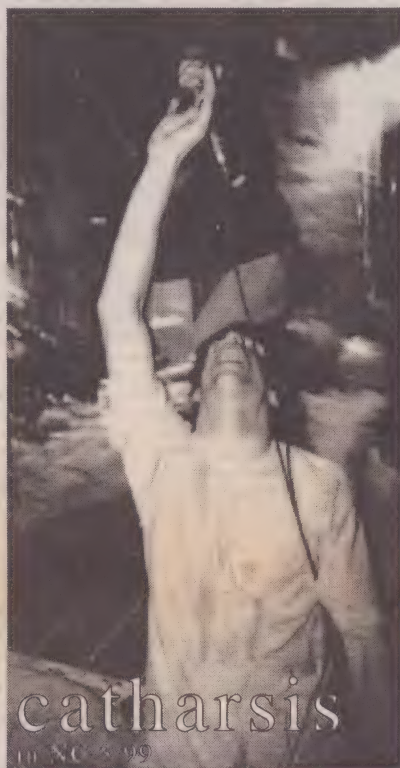
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On March 3rd 1998, a US patent was granted to an American cotton seed company, the Delta and Pine Land Company, in conjunction with the US Department of Agriculture for a technique that genetically disables a seed's capacity to produce seeds which will germinate when planted. This means that any plant grown from a seed with this genetic manipulation will produce only sterile seeds, seeds that will not grow if planted. At present, only cotton and tobacco seeds have shows to respond to this technique, but the company plans to have the technology ready for a much wider range of crops shortly after the year 2000.

The expansion of this technology will tie in nicely with agri-business companies current patenting of genetic modifications. They technically own certain types of life! And it is in their best economic interest to be able to protect their patents, to not allow others to grow "their" forms of life without buying the seeds from the agri-business company that holds the patent of that particular genetically modified form of life. One such giant agri-business company who is a leader in genetic engineering is Monsanto. Currently Monsanto is relying on contracts that must be signed by any farmer who wants to grow a Monsanto-owned genetically modified crop. The contract states that the farmer agrees to sell all of their crop, saving no seed with which to plant future crops. Of course this requires that good faith of the farmer, but Monsanto also hires investigators and lawyers to follow up on and prosecute cases in which farmers do save seed and illegally grow a Monsanto owned form of life.

For example, Monsanto is currently bringing a case against Percy Schmeiser for growing a genetically modified canola, a type of canola that Monsanto holds the patent on, without a license. Schmeiser defends that he did not plant any of Monsanto's seed and if that type of canola grew in his fields, it occurred through pollination from other fields (his land is surrounded by other canola growers), from seed scattered by machinery in these neighboring fields, or from the trucks traveling the roads that run beside his land (his land lies beside routes that lead to near-by grain



most farmers. Furthermore, they claim that seed saving of "their" seeds is illegal even if the farmer didn't sign a contract at the time of purchase. Schmeiser further defends that he never receive any patent protected canola seed and never deliberately planted any. Yet under the patent laws Monsanto owns that life form however it got there and they can continue to entrap farmers with patent infringement claims. That is until the technique licensed to the Delta and Pine Company expands to cover more types of seeds. At that time you can count on Monsanto integrating it into every genetically engineered life form that they hold the patent on. So that they can reap the economic benefits of their "ownership".

This new technology has been given the ominous moniker of "the terminator". The terminator technology reminds us that our food is more and more in the control of large agri-business companies, companies which grow fewer in number and larger in size as agriculture and food production becomes more monopolized.

The ramifications of the terminator seed technology are both widespread and massive. Most significantly it interferes with the cycle of seed to seed which is the natural cyclical way of continuing life. It also takes the power from farming communities who have a 12,000 year old tradition of saving seeds and acting as plant breeders by selecting and replanting the strongest of their crops. It takes that power from the farming community and passes it into the hands of giant agri-business and bio-tech companies. The terminator seed has the economic effect of virtually forcing farmers to buy each year's seed from a bio-tech company. This technology would give the large bio-tech companies even more control over the world's food supply, regional self-sufficiency would be a thing of the past.

Having many farmers using a genetically similar seed can cause even more problems. Firstly it limits the world's biodiversity, an element important to the world's health, as biodiversity is not only the number of species but also the genetic diversity within each species. Also a very narrow range of crop diversity makes the whole crop very susceptible to the same problems which could lead to a massive crop failure. A single pest or disease that penetrates this specific plant's weakness could cause widespread hunger. Finally, it is important to note that this technology has no agricultural or economic benefit for the farmers. It's sole purpose is to facilitate monopoly control and the sole beneficiaries of this technology are the agri-business's and bio-tech companies. These benefits come at the expense of the people and the environment of the world.

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Genetically modified products are getting harder and harder to avoid while the effects of the products are, if non completely unknown, as least uncertain. The biotech companies who are promoting this technology apparently have little to no interest in what might happen to the people or environment of this world as a result of what they are doing, as a result of their greed.

How can we take a stand against this, against the agri-business giants like Monsanto and ADM (the "supermarket to the world" folks), against them while standing up for ourselves and our food? I believe first that we should care, we should care about our food and how it gets to us. When we lose awareness of basic life processes we put ourselves in a precarious situation. When we stop caring and stop expressing our interest we leave ourselves open to exploitation. Which reminds me of a quote by Aldo Leopold from his great book, A Sand County Almanac, "there are two spiritual dangers in not owning a farm. One is supposing that breakfast comes from the grocery, and the other that heat comes from the furnace."

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The expansion of this technology will tie in nicely with agri-business companies current patenting of genetic modifications. They technically own certain types of life! And it is in their best economic interest to be able to protect their patents, to not allow others to grow "their" forms of life without buying the seeds from the agri-business company that holds the patent of that particular genetically modified form of life. One such giant agri-business company who is a leader in genetic engineering is Monsanto. Currently Monsanto is relying on contracts that must be signed by any farmer who wants to grow a Monsanto-owned genetically modified crop. The contract states that the farmer agrees to sell all of their crop, saving no seed with which to plant future crops. Of course this requires that good faith of the farmer, but Monsanto also hires investigators and lawyers to follow up on and prosecute cases in which farmers do save seed and illegally grow a Monsanto owned form of life.

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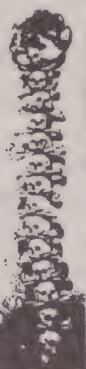
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However, following 150 years of the unrestrained advancement of industrialized civilization, these biological, societal, and spiritual ties to the land have almost been erased from human consciousness. As "progress" forced exponentially increasing numbers of people off the land and into the cities where they could be conveniently used as exploitable fodder in factories, so did civilization begin forcing itself onto the lives of humanity in more insidious forms. Suddenly, it was no longer the land upon which people relied for sustenance, but rather the industrial agriculture complex. And the system lost no time in convincing the populace that it had "liberated" them from endless toil in the fields and "freed" them from the drudgery of the countryside, while at the same time cinching tight its control over basic needs like food and water.

And the evidence for this coup de tat spans far deeper than just corporate control over food, it also marks the death of culture. As humans became more disassociated from their roots on the land and became dependent wage slaves in cities, so did the traditional virtues of independence, autonomy and self-determination go the way of the passenger pigeon. And the psychological vacancies dredged by this decline of self-reliance and independence were quickly filled by the cycles of urban dependency, perpetual poverty, and the helpless victim mentality. In fact, the further humans have been removed from the land and herded into the false bastions of artificial civilization, cities, the further the reach of corporate colonialism has extended itself into the lives, minds and hearts of the people.

There is a reason that the inner cities and suburbs of the world are seized with an intense sense of hopelessness and despair, a feeling of insignificance and apathy. There is a reason that people know not where to turn for answers or solutions to the mounting problems before them. There is a reason why

people feel utterly and completely powerless in the face of the massive corporate Leviathan that controls their every need. And make no mistake, this is by no means a mere coincidence or act of chance. This is a conscious development by the corporate monolith to size control of ALL facets of human need and desire, from basics like food, shelter and sex, to frivolities like fashion and entertainment. And the powers-that-be have done an outstanding job of it.

We have been convinced through more than 150 years of corporate programming to accept the fact that food comes not from carefully nurtured plots of land, parts of ecosystems, but from corporate supermarkets. We have been convinced that the high tech, "quick return" methods of industrial agriculture are far better than the labor intensive methods of the past 5000 years. We have been convinced that our toilet paper or our latest issue of MRR comes not from a 300 acre clear cut in the Northwest that destroyed a 9,000 year old ecosystem, but from a carefully managed tree farm somewhere in Neverneverland. We have been distracted from noticing that the food we eat, the water we drink and the air we breathe is loaded with the chemical side effects of industry. We have stood by deaf and dumb while our soil is degraded and eventually killed by a rash of toxic fertilizers, pesticides, and genetically engineered seeds. We have watched desertification spread across every continent as the pain threshold of the Earth is blatantly thrown in our face. We are literally, and undramatically, watching as the very ability of the Earth to sustain life is being threatened by the acts and policies of global capitalism and rampaging nation states. And let's fess up... unless we do something about it, we are all fucked and only gonna get fucked worse as time goes on and the corporate infrastructure is allowed to further reinforce itself.

Enter the ecopunk fringe. We know beyond any shadow of doubt that industrial civilization is on a kamikaze path of destruction. We have researched, discussed, and analyzed the ways things are, where they are going and how they got so fucked up. We realize that the only path of liberation and salvation we have is making an unreserved and all out return to the land. We comprehend that the only through resurrecting our ties to the land, our ties to nature and our ties to each other, can we begin re-establishing our autonomy and our liberty. And the first part of actualizing these thoughts is taking back our land from the corporations and bureaucrats that are currently destroying it.

Taking It Back, part 1

The most permanent and sustainable way to take back land from the iron fist of corporate control is to put all the power of property rights behind you and buy it yourself. Now before you start chanting Proudhonist slogans about property being theft and all that shit, think about it. What is better for the Earth and better for us in shedding the corporate yoke of dependency, waiting for a revolution to benevolently distribute land to politically correct collectives, or getting to work becoming self-sufficient in the here and now? What is better, doing it or just talking about it?

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a nice hunk of land somewhere. Think about the possibility of an international network of self sufficient punk communities where punks could travel around and learn permaculture, forestry, and conservation skills and then take them back to their own communities in order that we may start sawing away at our chains of dependency. Imagine the power of setting an example and actualizing your politics not by chanting some half-assed slogan, but by having real, tangible evidence to show (like doing Food Not Bombs with corporate infrastructure free veggies you and your crew raised yourselves). Think about how empowering it would feel to say "Fuck the System!!!" and have it mean more than mere rhetoric. And if nothing else, imagine how it would feel to know beyond a doubt, that if shit goes down, you and yours are ready to survive.

Does this sound far off and overly idealistic? Well, it is not. All across the world, from Canada to Chile, from Australia to England, punks and anarchists are establishing long term, sustainable land

occuring on a massive scale across the globe, there is indeed a strong and growing movement to reverse this trend by taking back our lands. For example, in North America, no movement has been as influential in attempting to stop corporate exploitation of the land than Earth First!. And right in the forefront of the Earth First! movement is a dedicated crew of punks, anarchists, and other riff raff that have began turning the movement away from its new age leadership into something more fresh, vibrant and rebellious. Right now, as I sit here typing this, there are tons of direct action campaigns in full swing. In my bioregion, Cascadia, (Northern California, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia) 35 miles outside Eugene at the Fall Creek Tree Sit, a crew of ecopunks is finishing their first complete year of squatting 200' up in 500 year old trees to help keep one of our last stands of ancient forest from being destroyed. Ten miles away, another crew is staging a tree sit in the North Winberry sale. 20 miles further on, yet another crew is working on thwarting the Hell Dunn sale (right next to the famed Warner Creek sale of 1996) from ravaging a pristine old growth forest. In Northern California,



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There is a reason that the inner cities and suburbs of the world are seized with an intense sense of hopelessness and despair, a feeling of insignificance and apathy. There is a reason that people know not where to turn for answers or solutions to the mounting problems before them. There is a reason why

shredded as, 100 year old ecosystem, but from a carefully managed tree farm somewhere in Neverneverland. We have been distracted from noticing that the food we eat, the water we drink and the air we breathe is loaded with the chemical side effects of industry. We have stood by deaf and dumb while our soil is degraded and eventually killed by a rash of toxic fertilizers, pesticides, and genetically engineered seeds. We have watched desertification spread across every continent as the pain threshold of the Earth is blatantly thrown in our face. We are literally, and undramatically, watching as the very ability of the Earth to sustain life is being threatened by the acts and policies of global capitalism and rampaging nation states. And let's face up... unless we do something about it, we are all fucked and only gonna get fucked worse as time goes on and the corporate infrastructure is allowed to further reinforce itself.

Enter the ecopunk fringe. We know beyond any shadow of doubt that industrial civilization is on a kamikaze path of destruction. We have researched, discussed, and analyzed the ways things are, where they are going and how they got so fucked up. We realize that the only path of liberation and salvation we have is making an unreserved and all out return to the land. We comprehend that the only through resurrecting our ties to the land, our ties to nature and our ties to each other, can we begin re-establishing our autonomy and our liberty. And the first part of actualizing these thoughts is taking back our land from the corporations and bureaucrats that are currently destroying it.

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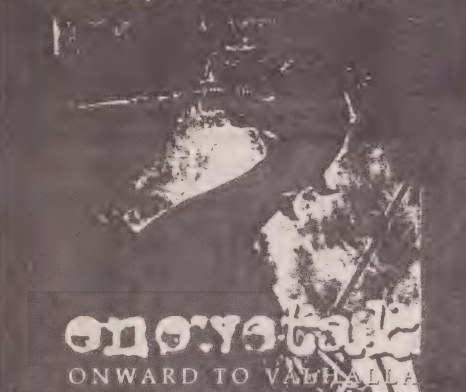
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Resources

Firecar Ranch Land Trust- A 50 acre anarchist homeland in the mountains of Southern Oregon bordering another 130 acre land trust owned by anarchists. We are working on reforestation, alternative power, sustainable farming, earth house building, and various political issues. Send donations to help keep this a reality or write for more information. (FRLT c/o antipathy po box 11703 Eugene, or 97440 tac@efn.org)

Southern Willamette Earth First!/Cascadia Forest Defenders- Direct action campaigns in the Northwest, including the Fall Creek and North Windberry Treestis. We need your help! (po box 11122 Eugene, or 97440. (541) 343-7305 mickey@efn.org. www.igc.org/cascadia)

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Big Woods Earth First!- Keeping up the struggle in Minnesota. (po box 580936 mpls, mn 55458 (612) 362-3387 earthfirst@junio.com)

The Earth First! Journal - The #1 resource for direct action and all sorts of eco-controversy. (po box 1415 Eugene, or 97440)

ASYLUM Gathering- June 11-15, outside Eugene, Oregon. "An eco-punk/hc/multiculturalist anarchist convergence with a radical environmentalist focus." Still in need of bands to play and people to lead workshops. Call (541) 302-4447 or email suspect27@hotmail.com.

Further Reading...

- **The Monkeywrench Gang, Hayduke Lives!, Desert Solitaire**, etc by Edward Abbey.
- **Sand County Almanac** by Aldo Leopold.
- **The Unsettling of America: Culture and Agriculture**, by Wendell Berry
- **Dwellers on the Land and Rebels Against the Future**, by Kirkpatrick Sale
- **Confessions of an Ecowarrior**, by Dave Foreman
- **Refuge and An Unspoken Hunger**, Terry Tempest Williams
- **The Earth First! Journal**
- **Paper Tigers** (\$2 to po box 2945 Tulsa, Ok 74101)
- **antipathy** (\$1.50 to po box 11703 Eugene, or 97440)



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ARTWORK CREDIT CORRECTIONS for S&L #58

-- **TODD ROGERS** had artwork printed in the last issue of S&L (#58) on page 3 and I left off his PO box in the address. To reach Todd write to PO Box 159/Near Haven CT 06501

-- **THE PUNK GIRL ARTWORK** in S&L #58 on page 9 was by Zanne. Her address is: 133 E. Judson/Pontiac MI 48342

GATHERINGS • FESTS

-- **MIDWEST GIRL FEST**: May of '99. For information and education of what we should be learning from each other and in school but aren't. The gathering will be three days of discussions and seminars with conscious participants. Involvement is the key to understanding and participants will be active in discussions. This is a DIY event that comes to you from the hearts of a couple of local kids. There are no bands this year. For more info and to keep in touch send a stamp or SASE to: Girl Fest c/o Lydia/PO Box 5342/Plymouth MI 48170.

-- **NEW ENGLAND ANARCHIST BOOK FAIR**: Sat. May 8th from 12 noon - 8pm. At the Community Church of Boston - Lothrop Auditorium, 565 Boylston St., 2nd Fl - Copley Sq., Boston MA. Hosted by the Dare to Be Free Collective; PO Box 390085/Cambridge MA 02139. email: kronstadt@junio.com or call the Lucy Parsons Center at (617) 629-2649.

-- **ASYLUM GATHERING**: June 11th - 15th in the Cascadian wilderness just south of Eugene, OR. Loosely defined as an ecopunk/hc/multi-counter-cultural anarchist convergence with a radical environmental focus. Skill and info sharing, workshops, discussion, networking, music, and outdoor activities. On June 1st a list of workshops will be available on the voicemail; on June 11th the directions will be available to the site. (541) 302-4447 or suspect27@hotmail.com As a last resort you can write to Antipathy/PO Box 11703/Eugene OR 97440 for more info but send a SASE.

-- **ACTIVISTS IN PGH AREA** organizing local events for the Primate Freedom Tour

-- **I want to help** - get in touch. Breen Casey/1122 Charles Ln/Uniontown PA 15401

INFO

-- **CRAIG SHURGOLD** who is 7 years old has an inoperable brain tumor. Before he dies, his wish is to receive 1 million cards to be put in the Guinness book of world records. Send cards to: Craig Shurgold/ c/o Children's Wish Foundation/ 32 Perimeter Center East/Atlanta GA 30346

-- **MALE CALIFORNIA KING SNAKE** needs an affectionate friend. Loves to be held. I can provide a heater and a large aquarium. Emily/3231 Woodstock Rd./ Los Alamitos CA 90720

-- **BOILING MAN CONFUSION**: Advertisements for our Boiling Man's 7" "I'd Watch You Die" on Ice Records states that Boiling Man features former members of the Pist. This is not true. One of the guys is in another band with a former Pist member. When there are plenty of new bands and new people with such promise, relying of "former members of" as a promotion tactic seems a shame. We should be focusing on them and the present rather than a past that is long dead. I think this situation is one in need of clarification.

-- **THIS SIDE UP** will be touring US coast to coast this July & August. We play melodic powerful old-school punk-hc (think of older Dag Nasty or 7 Seconds and we have an album "Caught by Surprise" out now (\$11ppd for the Cd, \$8 for the LP). Hope to see you there! Darío Adamić/CP 15319/00143 Roma Laurentino, Italy or email <adamia@rdn.it>

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-- **Thursday May 20 @ Twisters, Richmond VA**: Catharsis, Society of Jesus (from Italy) and Alabama Thunder Pussy. Early show: starts at 6pm sharp. (804) 353-GAME for more info.

SHOW BOOKING

-- **IF YOU LIVE IN OHIO, INDIANA, S. MICHIGAN, N. KENTUCKY** - send in your address to get flyers for shows this summer. Also write if you can distribute any flyers in your area. touring bands call and or send demo tapes/sample with lyrics if possible. Guaranteed gas money, play to sleep/beat. Punks, anarchists, freaks, etc. in the area get in touch. Russ/4181 Oregon Rd./Celina OH 45822; tel: 419-363-2044; email <camar@brightnet> Please give 1 to 2 months notice!

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Further Reading...

- **The Monkeywrench Gang**, Hayduke Lives!, Desert Solitaire, etc by Edward Abbey.

- **Sand County Almanac** by Aldo Leopold.

- **The Unsettling of America: Culture and Agriculture**, by Wendell Berry

- **Dwellers on the Land and Rebels Against the Future**, by Kirkpatrick Sale

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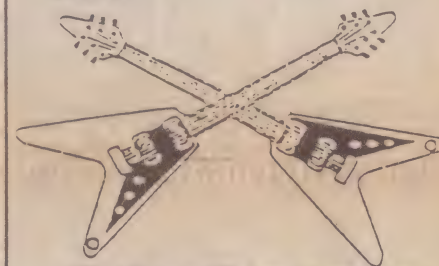
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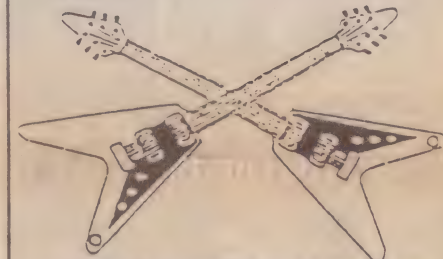
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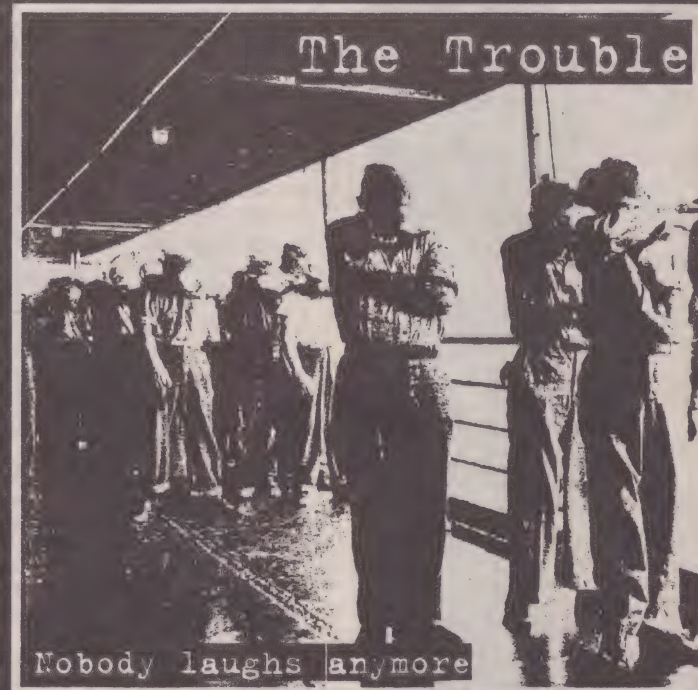
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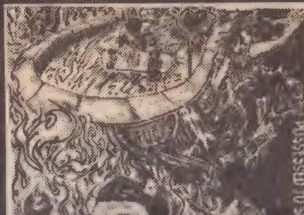
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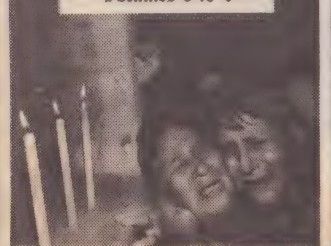
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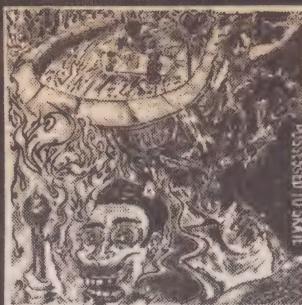


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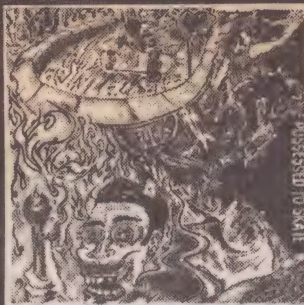
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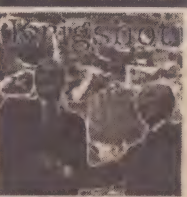
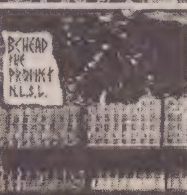
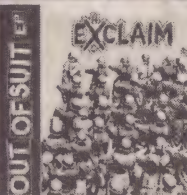
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CORPORATE RESISTANCE #2 (\$2/816 Woods Pl/Exeter CA 93221-1046) A lot going on in this full size zine. Unfortunately the reversed printing made some of it unreadable. The black background just swallowed up the white letters. The reprint of the Flipside interview with Nick Blinko will please any Rudimentary Peni fan (even though Nick isn't too chatty). There's also interviews with Sean Goblin and Estado de Paz. The fictional tale centered around animal rights, was well done. I shipped the poetry entirely. The only parts that didn't carry on the positive outlook of the zine were the last two rants. One dealt with the band A/Political's views of chaos punks. There will always be a percentage of punks who aren't

change a bit was the contributions by Alf. Her subjects are well covered and she obviously has passion, but adding things like dollar signs over all the s's and three k's to capitalist or America. It belittles her writing. It's apparent from the facts there is evil and greed in these institutions. The flow, of it is lost in fumbling over the added grammar. (-Aprille)
DISTORTED VIEWS #2 (Katy Keefe/115 W. Randolph St/Wausau WI 54401) The premise of this one is to share information and educate beyond the confined walls of the punk scene. The info presented is great: lots of contacts and resources. Info on organic farming, political struggles and

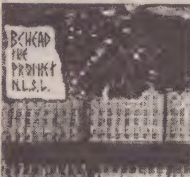
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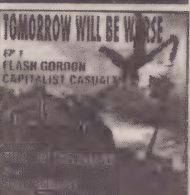
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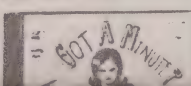
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-- **24 Y.R. SKIN INTO THE 4 SKINS**, Blitz, Drop Kick Murphys, The Business, Oxymoron, Blanks 77, The Adicts, Cockney Rejects, Cock Sparrer, Anti-Heroes, beer, John Waters Movies. Moving to Chicago in June so write me. No racists. Lee/524 E. Gilpin Ave./Norfolk VA 23503-3512.

-- **LOST IN THE INSANITY AND CAGED LIKE A RABID DOG**. 28/W/M seeks correspondence with females who aren't afraid to explore the realms in which the "mighty pen" can take us. Like's: Dks, Black Flag, Circle Jerks, Fear, a clockwork orange, playing naked twister and cheap beer. Troy Talbot #944757/WCC IMU/PO Box 900/ Shelton WA 98584

-- **WHITE MINORITY**: if this got your attention, then I want to hear from you (+/-) whatever you think. Lookin' for literature for trade, pictures, posters. I'm stuck behind the walls. Will write all. Anthony Szetela J-21695/PO Box 705 LB 352L/Soledad, CA 93960-0705.

-- **15 Y.O. VEGAN ANARCHIST**. I am not straight edge. Into Dystopia, Drop Dead, Disrupt, Mankind?, Disagree, Crass, Cradle of Filth. I'm looking for correspondence from similar, interested people to be pen pals/friends with. Pat McGrow/2809 Onyx Rd/Baltimore MD 21234

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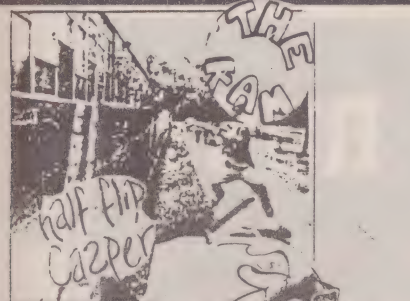
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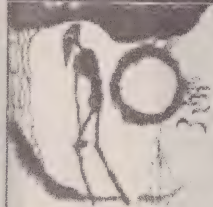


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resistance, making your own solar powered generator, awareness about the military, animal rights info, vegetarian lifestyle... and so much more. The only criticism I have is that much of this info is reprinted from other sources — and while there is nothing wrong with that per say, esp when I'm already familiar with much of it. I wonder too, in the context of a distinctly punk zine if this will really reach the masses. The info collected here is great and I'm really into the attitude and enthusiasm here is awesome and right on — and I think that even when it seems that a lot of us are "in the know" there are always plenty of people out there (even with in the punk scene) who can be turned on to new ideas. So right on for this!! ***

DWELLING PORTABLY FEB. 99 (\$2/PO Box 190-SL/Philomath OR 97370) As always, an invaluable networking resource for anyone interesting in living a nomadic traveling lifestyle. Tips on everything from converting vehicles to homes to tips on living and surviving in the outdoors and living a nomadic lifestyle. Ranges from temporary to permanent lifestyles and conditions. An endless amount of information in the form of tid-bits (varying length), as well as recommendations for further reading and contacts. What is best of all is that this publication serves as a contact resource and prints an open forum of info - so people can share their knowledge w/ others. This one also comes with a subject index of the past several years subjects per issue. May issue is out now also.

EAR TO THE GROUND #1 (a stamp/Jay Unidos, 1442A Walnut St. #419, Berkeley, CA 94709) A huge page folded into fourths. Done by the some guy who does T.V. Savage. Not much to it, but what's there is entertaining. The list of various stuff up for grabs in the Punk flea market is a good way of getting rid of all those precious collectibles. The rest of this is split into two tales of punk rock, adventure and bad dates. Jay has a pretty smooth writing style that keeps you glued to the words. (-Aprille)

FISH PISS #5 (\$2.50 or \$12/yr. sub. payable to L'Archive, Montreal, C.P. 1232 Place d'Armes, Montreal Que Canada H2Y 3K2) Visually this is quite stunning; the content is excellent as well. FISH PISS is a diverse collection of interviews, comics, reviews and fiction; a little bit for everyone. I was most impressed with the quality of the comics and artwork. The interview with

Nashville Pussy was good, as was the one with a woman named Anna. Great Job. (-Ryan)

FLORIDA RADICAL ACTIVIST NETWORKING ZINE This is an awesome networking resource zine — the purpose of which is to unite information on collectives and activism in Florida. I think I've seen a similar thing from other states — and well every state should have such a thing!! The purpose is to increase networking, to motivate, inspire and inform people who live in Florida or travel through. A resource guide to organize on a state-wide level. Awesome stuff. Food Not Bombs is a central figure throughout. Problem is, there is no address from FRANZ (the zine). So I'm listing the first address available: Margie Not Bombs/ 2866 Wildwood Dr./ Clearwater FL 33761; Gainesville Food Not Bombs/ 237 1/2 SW 2nd P/ Gainesville FL 32601 — give them a try, it's a start. And remember always print your address in your zine!!

FORKBOY/PSSST SPLIT ZINE (\$3 ppd World to Tea, Slovenska c. 31, 5281 Sp. Idrija, Slovenia or Joris, Beukenlaan 34, 2275 Lille, Belgium) Pssst is very personal. Tea and the contributors write about relationships between friends, strangers, and their surroundings. The writing is decent but occasionally abstract and ambiguous. Forkboy is more issue oriented. One article deals with the plight of the Kurdish people and Turkey's deplorable human rights record. Another focuses on consignment in the punk/hardcore scene. The interview with Section 8 was terrible. The questions were good, but the band came across as moronic. Overall these two zines compliment each other nicely. (-Ryan)

GRAY MATTER #2 (Branch Clarke/ 1621 W. Grace St./ Richmond VA 23220) This zine rocks!! I've been drawn to this each time I've seen it around (though I didn't actually read it for way too long and have no reasonable excuse). This has a nice graphic flair to it that totally appeals to me. And Branch writes really well. He's got a very positive and fun attitude and tells a good story. He can glorify the creativity that comes out of boredom (like coming up with really goofy things to do with too much time on your hands). There's lots of "in-jokes" but he shares them with the reader (rather than leaving you out). Much of this is a TFA-Lewisstown tour story (which of course I ate right up since I'm obsessed with those bands) - it was a round about way of getting to know that bunch of local folks better. Branch has a real happy-go-lucky writing style. Lots of youthful (in the very best way) energy and enthusiasm and passion of life. Much of this is written with anticipation for coming summer adventures - so I can't wait for the next installment. I think this is my favorite Richmond zine!! ****

HEARTATTACK #21 (\$1/PO Box 848/ Goleta CA 93116) Just when I'm feeling kinda disassociated and isolated from the social conscious political punk scene — a new issue of Heartattack gets me back on track. I find so much inspiration and energy here - it's awesome!! Most of this is columns and reviews with ads that are good to look at to find out what is going on. It's all comprehensive and useful - like a resource to the hardcore-punk scene that cares!! I eat this up!! The columns section is my favorite because I really feel that all the people who are writing are covering issues and aspects of the punk community that I think about myself — and it's always reassuring and helpful for the case of identifying and unifying to find others you can relate to and realize that you are not alone in your thoughts. Anyway - Heartattack proves once again to be my life's blood connection to the world of hardcore-punk and continues to be my favorite zine!! *****

HELLO NOTHING #1-4 (stamps/Tim/222 Oak Rd./ Winter Springs FL 32708) Each issue is a single half page with Tim writing about his project's intentions a bit more than really expressing himself. I had to slip the poetry parts. And while I skimmed over these pretty quick and didn't feel that drawn to the words, I did feel kinda like this was a note from a new pen pal - like an introduction to Tim. And there is something appealing about this one page personal format. And issue #5 (following) was a better development of the creative side of Tim. **HELLO NOTHING #5** Ever see those magnetic poetry things to play with on the communal refrigerator. Well this zine words kinda like that (but without the poetry line or the magnets). This is an artistic and creative format for a zine - unlike any I've ever seen. It comes with a whole package of cut out one-liners. You can read each on it's own or put them together to tell a story. Here's one: "When you say things like that about others I wonder what you say about me". This kinda words like a fortune cookie or one of those card reading things. I like it.

HERE BE DRAGONS #4 (\$1/2036 Wendover St. Apt 4/Pittsburgh PA 15217) This is an excellent zine from the "smart punks" contingent. Informative, educating articles that go way beyond rhetoric and normal topics — and yet are not too dense or heavy. In other words — this is a damn good zine cause they bring up new topics in an approachable manner. Some of the topics include alternative paper sources, specifically Kenaf Paper fibers (which the zine is printed on). There's movie briefs on those films which deal with working class issues (like Roger and Me, Matewan, etc). Bicycle activism - bike paths and Critical Mass. Socialist politics and politicians and a whole bunch of worker/ union support and point of view. Agriculture in Cuba. And pro-gun stuff; plus a look at hunting where children are involved. All around excellent issue of this rad zine!! ****

ISM-OLGY-CORE #2 (\$1ppd/PO Box 281, Torrance, CA 90507) A half computer, half cut-n-paste zine. A lot of what's in this doesn't really interest me. It's put out by a Spice girlaholic - filled with plenty of Spice Girl inspired writings. Also includes an interview the Herolines, lengthy column about driving to Texas

dealing with parenting, birth control and abortion. Nic got pregnant at 15 and her daughter is now 6 - and they seem to have a very healthy relationship which is rad. Nic writes about her horrible experiences with Norplant and the 5 years of anguish from it. I got really wrapped up in her story and experiences. She also gives a lot of information on all types of birth control as well as her take on pro-choice for all women. Rad zine!!!

NEW LAND #2 (Ar/Fazantiestraat/30/2275 Lille Belgium) This is a collectively done zine - mostly from Belgium - which focuses on pure DIY ethics. There's a fair amount of debate and idea sharing. Mostly scene related but extending to political awareness and education. If you are looking to understand just what the hell DIY is all about or if you are looking for some inspiration or just what to have some challenging thinking - this is the zine for you. Excellent stuff!! ****

NO POWER FOR THE LITTLE PEOPLE #3 (\$7/Je-free Frank, 237 1/2 2nd Pl., Gainesville, FL, 32601) This leans towards more graphics only rather than articles or stories. But images can definitely speak louder than any words. There's some pretty well put together collages with small pieces of written word attached. The underlying themes seem to be how out of whack civilization is and the atrocities that stem from that. The page related towards the selling of beauty/self-worth to women is excellent. Parts of this are a bit rough in construction but it's only the third issue. The possibility to grow into bigger and better is there. Looking forward to future issues. (-Aprille)

OFF! Autumn 1998 (? to Off Campus College SUNY Binghamton, NY 13902 USA) A thick newspaper zine advocating direct action and civil disobedience against "the techno-industrial menace." This issue of OFF! looks at the prison industry, the worldwide economic crashes, boycotting, tips for activists, and a whole lot more. This is a tremendous effort worthy of support. (-Ryan)

OTAKU #4 Winter '99 (In Canada: \$2 + 2 stamps to 114 Canter Blvd/Nepean Ontario K2M 2M7 Ontario or in the US: Basement Children Zine Distrib/PO Box 47908/1/Chicago IL 60647) This zine gets my favorite award for the month!! Everything about this zine is just what I love in a zine. This is the kind of zine that reads like a book of narrative stories. Jeff is a great writer with a colorful style that uses these amazing descriptive word plays (so much different from my own) - the kind of sentences that just unusual descriptions to totally set the scene. I really appreciate that kind of talented use of words. These stories, full of nostalgia, teen angst, tales of growing up, traveling, chasing love, and candid references to punk bands and punk sceneries without ever mentioning any names (so that if you do know who/what he's talking about it's all the better!!). I think that his epilogue sums it up really well: "In the true spirit of fanzines, I'm not just cutting and pasting little pieces of paper together, but my life with them. I've learned that this is what being nineteen is about: fence-sitting between the past and the future, not being sure which to fear the most. All in all I'm glad to get the stories out of the way so I can finally forget them and start living new ones again." Hence the feeling that he is writing about the past and the future at the same time. This reads like a combination of *Cornelius* and *I'm Johnny and I Don't Give a Fuck* — meaning that Otaku ranks up there on par and equal to the best of punk rock novella zines. In addition to the great tales in here — the format of this is the best. First of all it's 1/4 page sized (which is my favorite for this kinda zine - you can put it in your pocket and carry it around, additively reading what you can as time permits - and I guarantee you will be addicted). And the icing is that it's creatively assembled with an artistic cover with an actual photograph mounted onto the envelope which contains this gem. So in all possible ways - this zine rocks my world. I don't even need to read any other zines this month. Need I say that this comes most highly recommended!! *****

OVERFLOW #2 (\$1 or stamps/John Matthews, PO Box 289, Gainesville, FL 32602-0289) This has the look and feel of a grittier cut-n-paste zine - kind of sloppy and bad photo copying - but that makes part of the appeal. Short interviews with the Lexingtons, Habituals and Reina Aveja. The mix of local and national info is what makes this an awesome zine. The spirit of getting things happening in your town instead of endlessly complaining. He covers IWW, Food not Bombs, free radio Gainesville, area recycling centers, ARA plus tons of show reviews. If your looking for info on what's going on in Gainesville, this would be a start. (-Aprille)

PERSONALITY LIBERATION FRONT #2 (\$2/PO Box 3023/ South BC, Qld 4101, Australia) A women positive personal zine done by two girls, heavy on punk rock and being a women. The layout is well done cut-n-paste along with Kylie's super neat handwriting. There's three interviews- Angela from backup distro (Aust.), Michelle from Wherehouse of Representatives, and a quick one with Upsyndrome (Brisbane crusty, hardcore band). A lot of attitude comes across in the writing, but they admit that they are constantly learning, so changes in their outlook is their prerogative. Quite a hodge podge of topics covered: recipes, herbal abortion info, quite a bit about serial killers, reviews of zines as well as gangster movies, plus more. The piece written about the Woman's Reclaim the night gathering was really good. I appreciated her ability to step back and question the stereotypical outlook that only men foster violent behavior. It's a change from the "all women are peaceful and nurturing" attitude that usually is voiced at all women gatherings. (-Aprille)

PLASTIC NEWSLETTER #9 Feb. 99 (c/o Andrzej Szpikro/PO Box 42/95201 Pabianice 3/Poland) This issue is expanded to 8 pages with a cover (formerly 1-2 pages of newsletter format). This is a Polish zine (in Polish) focusing on

says this is an outlet for some things on his mind - but those things are shared very briefly — fitting into the community being gay, thinking it's fine for bands to sign to majors if they don't change. There's an interview with Tom Ackerman and some reviews. Not enough substance.

QUEER #1 (I stamp or trade/PO Box 52812, New Orleans, LA 70152-2812) A new zine out to undermine the mainstream gay/lesbian press. A well put together newspaper zine with a positive, lighthearted manner. Kind of a quick read that centers around fun. Even his page of rants are laughable. The interview with Pansy Division is pretty lengthy, plus reviews of zines as well as videos, notes on the X-men/queer connection and a Celine Dion pull-out target poster. Tons of local small businesses have ads in this which is cool to see support on both sides. Could grow into quite the force to be reckoned with. (-Aprille) Note Issue #2 is also out now too.

REVOLT #7 (\$1 ppd to PO Box 5144 San Luis Obispo, CA 93403 USA) This issue looks at the portrayal of the Mumia Abu-Jamal case by the ABC network, tips for Squatters, and the war on drugs. A section on women's health provides numerous statistics on abortion, eating disorders, homelessness, and cancer. Revolt is not groundbreaking but it is worth checking out. (-Ryan)

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THE CREATURE PREACHER #2 (Free to PO Box 634 Greencastle, PA 17225 USA) Looks can be deceiving. I thought Creature Preacher was the work of some kid who played one to many Dungeon and Dragons games. All through this zine are pictures of sword swinging, skull crushing, Conan like men wielding axes dripping blood, while they stand upon the corpses of their victims. Imagine my surprise when I discovered this was actually done by a Hard Rock loving Christian hellbent, pardon the pun, on converting the souls of misled Hard Rock devotees. With a pen and electric "axe" God's work will be done. Hail Hail Rock'n' Roll. Hands down one of the most entertaining zines of the decade. (-Ryan)

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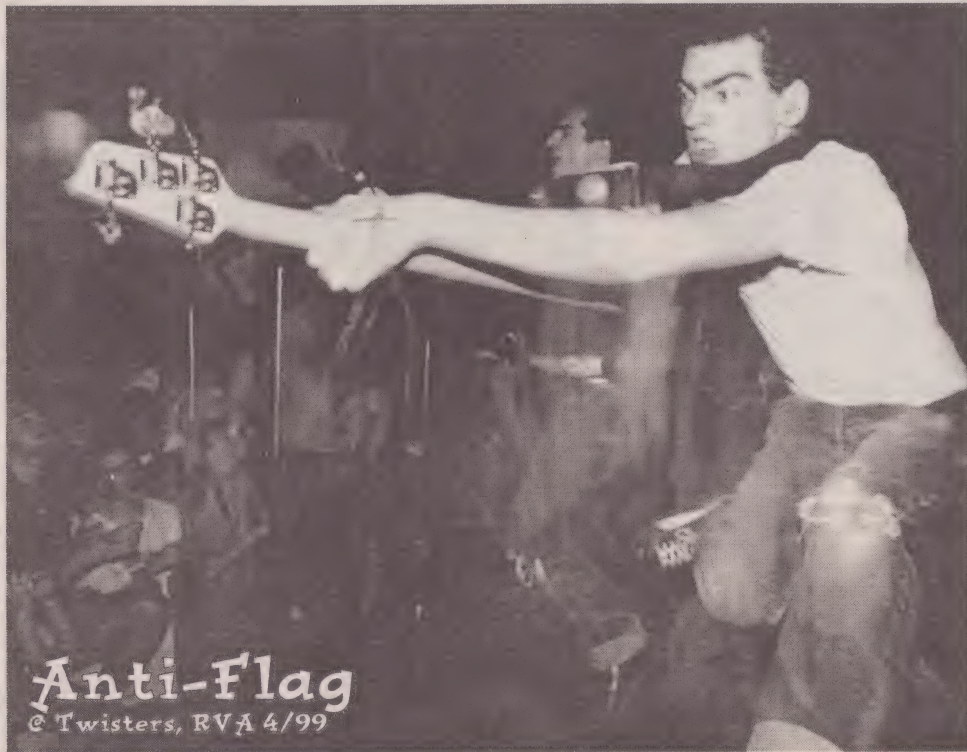
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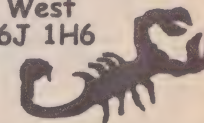
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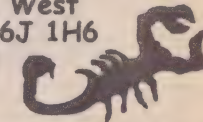
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BOY SETS FIRE - IN CHRYSALIS CD Boy Sets Fire have been one of my obsessive favorite bands of the recent year or so. I love their combination of heartfelt passionate melody with crunchy powerful hardcore. It's the perfect blend. Their music has a bunch and power that gets you in the gut. Nathan's voice is beautiful but he can belt out the angry screams along with Darrell which delivers the forceful in your face message. And they have a lot to say - which is always a big bonus! This new CD is a mini CD with only 5 songs - one of which is the Dead Kennedy's cover, which I can do with out. They do a great version of it but I left it off the tape I made of this, mostly cause I just like their songs so much. These 4 new songs have bit more melody but still keeping with their expected sound. I listen to this and the other stuff by them non-stop. I never tire of it. Fuck yeah! I can't wait to see them this spring with Avail and By All Means - what a tour that will be! (Initial Records/PO Box 17131/Louisville KY 40217) ****

CANEPHORA - AT A LOSS FOR WORDS 7" EP This rocks!!! I always enjoyed this band live, and I like this 7" just as much. It's a shame, I think this band broke up. Anyhow this is brutal metallic hardcore in a really awesome way. If you like things like Converge or Cave In, I think you'll like this. If you enjoy things like older Neurosis you will like this. It's a well produced seven-inch with excellent packaging, full color with a neat little insert with lyrics and everything. I must comment that the drumming on this record is amazing!!! Anyhow this is a really good purchase to make even if the band broke up this is totally worth owning. (Moo Cow PO Box 616 Madison WI 53701) (-Beth) ****

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CRIPPLE KID/THE LITTLE DIPPER - Split CD Emo from NJ you know the sound, you know the lyrics ala, Gern Blainstein type stuff. Maybe on the next record they will be really good? I dunno it could happen. (Microcosm Records/7741 Ohio St./Mentor OH 44060-4850) (-Beau) (I have to add here that this is a split CD and that Cripple Kid is from Ohio —Chris)

DAHMER/JEANXSEBERG - SPLIT 7" EP Dahmer play really fast manic grindcore, power violence type punk. They are really good at this style. The vocals on some parts are unbelievably deep. Really metal at times. The drumming is really fucking fast and really fucking good. Jeanxseberg play the same style of stuff as Dahmer. Really fast and screaming abrasive vocals, not as deep as Dahmer though. Again amazing fast drums. Good split. (Murder Records Olivier.41 Langrange 33550 Capian France) (-Beth)

DAYGLOW ABORTIONS - STUPID WORLD STUPID BONGS This is a comp of all their previous records - so it's a good sampling if you lived under a rock when this band was at it's height! Plus if you did listen to them, it makes you get out their records and play them again. It's a good collection cause you don't have to skip the so-so songs. (God Records/PO Box 44132-3170 Til I cum Rd./Victoria BC V9A 7H7 Canada) (-Beau)

DEAD STATE / BANISHED - Split 7" This is an exciting record for me - because I love crust punk bands with a political activist slant and good new bands of this genre are always of interest. These two bands are awesome! Great recordings - layout and everything. Banished have a strong death-metal crust-core sound. Heavy and powerful with gruff vocals and distinct metallic throtle. Dead State have dual male and female vocals (yeah!) creating a classic crust-punk duality. Her voice reminds me of Michelle from Whorehouse of Rep. with some growling. The music is heavy with metallic guitars but it's got more of an all around bouncing punk energy. They've got spoken manifestos of the peace punk vein as well. Fuck yeah - this rocks!!! Two great bands to check out and take notice of! (Organize & Arise/1035 Modred St/Lafayette CO 80026) ***

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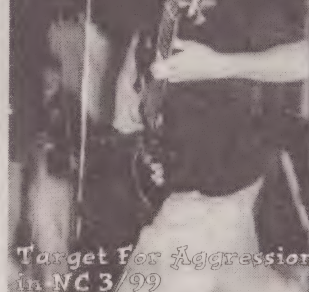
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DEMON SYSTEM 13- FOR THE KIDS, NOT THE BUSINESS 7" EP Musically this band rules. I had heard of them before because they have a 7" out on Havoc, which I will have to get a hold of because I really like this a lot. This band hails from Sweden. It's weird I expected this band to be really metallic, I don't know why, but this is just good really fast hardcore punk. Lyrically not bad at all, just nothing to grabbing, nothing that'll really move

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ELECTRIC SUMMER - LOVE ME DESTROYER CD Early 80s sounding punk from California, but from Japan now. I think they probably play a great show but I dunno if the record by itself does it for me. Good but not great. (Soda Jerk Records/PO Box 4056/Boulder CO 80306) (-Beau)

EXTERNAL MENACE - THE PROCESS OF ELIMINATION LP UK punk with a straight forward clean sound that mixes up the dub reggae at times - kinda like Ex-Cathedral and a hos of other good bands who have merged for this style - as only seems to happen in the UK. External Menace stick mostly to the punk end. The vocals with strong accents are loud and clear and this has an energetic catchy style ripe for sing-a-longs and pogo dancing. An awesome blend makes for a refreshing listen!! Definitely a band to keep your eyes and ears open for if you're into old styled UK punk and enjoy bands like Ex-Cathedral, Citizen Fish and P.A.I.N. (Epistrophe Records/PO Box 312/30003 Hannover Germany) ***

FALL OUT - SPIT ON THE INNOCENT CD Okay, this is in the wrong hands here! This is something for Chris, not me. Hmm. Think ABC NO RIO: fast as hell at times, kinda crossover-ish. I'm lost with this one. It's good but not my taste. But 46 tracks, 15 of which are live, you really can't beat it. (Grandtheft Audio/501 W. Glenoaks Blvd, Ste 313/Glendale CA 91202) (-Beau)

FAY WRAY - S/T CD This is good! I didn't think it would be cause it's packed kinda arty. I was wrong - it's good rock and roll, rather than "Cahmer live" not as sappy as "Jawbreaker". But those are the bands I would closely group them with. This is one of the standouts Chris gave me though! Another good band to come out of Gainesville FL. (No Idea/PO Box 14636/Gainesville FL 32604-4636) (-Beau)

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FUNERAL - HAVE YOU SEEN MY LEATHER JACKET? CD Another re-release of an old 80s band from Long Beach - very reminiscent of TSOL. It's pretty good and if I had heard them then, I would have been into them. But now with so many talented bands out today, I think they get passed over as an old band. Maybe they didn't get enough credit back then and maybe they will now. Who knows maybe, maybe not? (Grandtheft Audio/501 W. Glenoaks Blvd, Ste 313/Glendale CA 91202) (-Beau)

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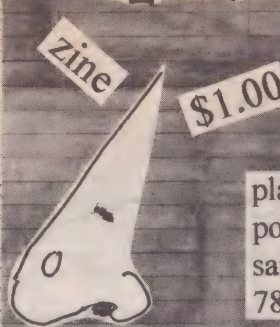
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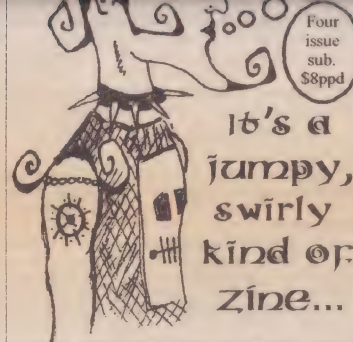
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GROWING CONCERN-NEVER FADES AWAY 7" EP I like this record a lot. This was one of my favorites this month. Really good straight forward semi-melodic hardcore. Think of really good late 80's hardcore with a good 90's touch. To give you an idea the guitarist is wearing a Chain of Strength shirt. If you like things like Reach the Sky or Rain on the Parade, you should really enjoy this record. Good lyrics, both political and personal songs. A perfect blend. Good punchy hardcore drumming, melodic and crunchy guitars, it's all done right! This band hails from Italy but sound American, as did the other Italian bands I reviewed this month. Even if you have never heard of this band before, trust me this is worth doing a little searching for. SOA released this so as always the packaging is immaculate. (SOA Records c/o Paolo Petralia via Odesisi da Gubbio 67/69 00146 Roma Italy) (-Beth) ***

HANDS HELD OUT-DEMO TAPE I heard this band on the Richmond comp and I really liked them. Then I saw them and I feel in love with them. Chugga chugga hardcore with punch and power and punk rock at the same time. I thought they seemed pretty metal at the time too. But the best part was all the stuff they had to say throughout the set. It was so exciting to see a band who not only rocked, but had really good stuff to say. I came away from that saying "wow - they are chugga chugga that cares!". I got myself a tape and proceeded to listen to it for the next week straight - and that is a lot of listening for only 6 songs. These songs are a pure mix of hardcore and punk — like a cross between Brother Inferior and Ignite. They're got the totally chugga chugga power chords while also having a real "punk" style and energy. It makes for a perfect mix and so I have become obsessed with this band - to the point where they are my new favorite Richmond band. I could rave on and on - cause when I get hooked - I get obsessed. This bands rocks!!!! (\$3ppd c/o Braden Govoni/PO Box 5583/Richmond VA 23220)

HAREN SCARUM - 7" An awesome all girl (or mostly all girl, I'm not sure which) punk band from Portland. I love the name and I love the sound. They've got a catchy style with multiple vocals singing, screaming, and harmonizing in a urgent chorus style. It's like a mix of old UK peace punk with a touch of crust which mostly comes from the one deep vocalist. They've got a great energetic style with divergent paths and a layered sound — which keeps this all really upbeat and interesting — and awesome!! I love the way the multiple vocals work together and come in your face all at once. The melody has all the catchy hooks to make me say fuck yeah this rock!! (Live Transmission/PO Box 14284 SE/Portland OR 97293-0284) ***

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HUDSON MACK - EVERYDAY CD A good effort on this record. This is their third release and it shows. Good hooks and intelligent lyrics without sounding preachy. They have some okay rock and roll influences but the only thing I didn't care for was their breaks into ska. I mean this band is good enough to not have to resort into that type of stuff. I think that if they stick to their punk influences the next record will do very well. (\$7ppd worldwide/Hudson Mack/Box 1034/1720 Douglas St/Victoria BC V8W 2G7/Canada) (-Beau)

INFAUST - MUSTER LP This is awesome! Heavy and powerful industrial metallic punk. A touch of Neurosis crossed with that French industrial band - the Young Gods. But this isn't all that industrial really - it's totally solid with song structure. It rocks hard. Their sound is powerful and full with lot of high-end metallic guitar sound. Kinda reminds me of that era of post-punk meets industrial in the UK — but Infaust have a strong brutal edge and a very German feel. I feel a lack of words right now — but this band is amazing. I haven't heard anything that even comes close to this style for a long time and even those that did — I think Infaust are better than what I've heard before. So for originality and a breath of fresh air (clouded with dark metallic doom) this is a great record!!! (Epistrophy/PO Box 312/30003 Hannover/Germany) ***

INFILTRATORS - DON'T GIVE ME YOUR "OLD SCHOOL" LIP JUST GET THE METAL OUT OF OUR HARDCORE CD Pretty basic sounding streetpunk Oi. Sounds like it should have been on one of the "Punk and Disorderly" comps with lots of "Oi Oi Oi" sing a long songs about boot boys and probation. It's pretty good US Oi. (Oink Records/PO Box 27813/Washington DC 20038-7813) (-Beau)

INOPOSITION - 5/7 7" A youthful anarcho-punk band from Colorado. They've got an energetic style with a lot of variety in their songs. The parts where they go all out with the galloping energy, the catchy classic peace punk stuff are really good and other parts of it sound like a practice session. They've got like 3 singers — the girls voice is unfortunately pretty screechy - the other's trade off between deep and normal - and sometimes totally painful. This is one where I appreciate what they're doing and see potential, and I always want to support anarcho-punk bands - but they've got some edges to work out before they'll be rockin' my world. (PO Box 101763/Denver CO 80250)

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LARRY AND THE GONOWHERES LP Admittedly this is better than I had first feared. This is straight-up punk rock with a real rockin' edge. At times it's snotty nosed but the vocals are more gruff at times and have variety. All around energetic punk rock that is not afraid to have some fun attitude. This draws on 80s hardcore punk roots - of the straight forward hardcore-punk sort and while I probably won't listen to it regularly - it's still quite good. (Puke Records/1835/Seattle WA 98111)

LEFT FOR DEAD - SPLITTING HEADS CD This is the discography from the ever popular Canadian Left For Dead. They tear shit up with blazing hardcore speed, adrenaline and power. Straight up hardcore with a fuzzy distorted deep bass and rasping raw vocals - fast. This has tracks from the split 7", split 12" with Acrid and split 12" with Chokehold. This is perhaps the most awesome beautiful printing I have ever seen: silver ink on dull black paper - photos and text: it looks great!! (Phyte/PO Box 14228/Santa Barbara CA 93107 and No Idea/PO Box 14636/Gainesville FL 32604)

LOST TRIBE - A GUIDE TO SURVIVAL CD I actually liked this a lot better than I thought I would. I saw this band once and thought they were sort of a generic NOFX type band. This has much more of an old-school punk sound to it than I remember them having. The vocals are still a little nasally and obnoxious for my taste. The guitars are kinda cool and melodic at times. This is still not the best thing ever but a good release. (Amendment Records c/o Dave A 580 Nansemond Cres Portsmouth VA 23707) (-Beth)

LUNKHEAD - CLEVER BUT NOT FUNNY CD This sounds a lot more like a Screaming Weasel early Lookout release than a Beer City release to me, but maybe that's because I don't follow Beer City that much? If you're a fan of funny pop punk this is for you. The songs from their "No Empathy" split are a lot better. Also the songs from "Polly, Wolly, Crappy" 7" are by far the standouts. This is a good retrospective of what they have put out. (Beer City Records/PO Box 26035/Milwaukee WI 53226-0036) (-Beau)

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MILEMARKER - FUTURE ISMS CD What happens when kids have too much access to technology? Well bands like this and bands like "Atom and His Package". Granted I could listen to this as background music and it is interesting and definitely socially relevant lyrics. I think that if I had to sit down and listen to this too much I would start having nervous twitches. Don't get me wrong, it's good, just a little...twitchy. (Point the Blame Records/10738 Miller/Montreal PO/H2C 2E6 Canada) (-Beau)

MORNINGSIDE - VIRTUE AND INSANITY CD OK, so at first it sounds like Rage Against the Machine, but then kinda redeem themselves by playing good ole Fullerton punk rock along the vein of Rick Agnew and DJ. When they first started. If they stick it out to make another record with a more straight forward sound and a little better production, they could be really good. I guess I'll wait and see. (Ice-9 Records/PO Box 6737/Fullerton CA 92834) (-Beau)

MURDOCK/YUM YUM TREE - Split 7" Murdock play really abrasive, die-jointed and off-beat hardcore with a brutal edge. These songs seem to have more emphasis on the discordant song structure and I find the groove a bit harder to catch. While the abrasion and screaming vocals are as painful as ever. Yum Yum Tree lost the melody and have quite an edgy sound. The music is punchy with an abrasive quality accented by screamy vocals that also do a half-speak thing (which I like) which reminds me of the emo-bands I like. I like both these bands quite a bit, but I'm not totally rocking out to these songs this time either. Nice eye-catching artwork and layout and inserts and blue vinyl. (\$3ppd/Push Records/PO Box 477/Arliston MA 02134)

NO I.D. - PREACHING TO THE CONVERTED 7" Woo-hoo! I was attracted to this one by the layout and all; it has that traditional political punk lure. But I wasn't prepared for an amazing female singer so this took me by pleasant surprise. The music is tight with galloping energy and power and her voice rules with a commanding style. This is amazing! First in the air triumphant female fronted punk rock! Fuck Yeah - I LOVE THIS!!! (Funai Rec/PO Box 41105/9701 CC Gron/Holland) ****

ONE 4 ONE - I WON'T LOSE 7" Hardcore hailing from New Jersey and yeah they definitely sound it. Fast bare bones old school hardcore. There are some late 90's touches, but really with the exception of some of the guitar parts this could be straight out the late 80's NYC hardcore scene. That's not to say this is a great record though. It's good but not great. The production feels a little sloppy and there is nothing really original about this band. I did enjoy listening to this though. Comparisons? There's probably a million but not any that come straight to mind. Maybe a splashy 90's Bold? I am far from an expert on this kind of hardcore so maybe I am not the best judge, but I think this is an all right release. For you collectors

calling it quits in the near future. Too bad because this is good stuff. (Kangaroo Records Middenweg 13 1098 AA Amsterdam Netherlands or email at tyson@xs4all.nl) (-Beth)

OUTRAGE - TO TERRORIZE EAR AND MIND 7" This is awesome! Ultra heavy metallic hardcore with ideological compassion behind the music!! Totally dedicated to the DIY hardcore-punk scene — this band sticks to their ethics with their lyrics and explanations and overall attitude (which is awesome to see!) This is a metal assault of galloping distorted guitars and powerful hardcore. Reminds me a touch of Acme with a lot more distorted fuzzy high end and screamy vocals. With less high-end fuzz this would sound even better — but I try not to let technical things get in my way of enjoying an awesome band - of which this is!! (Day One c/o Nico/Fazantestraat 30/2275 Lille/ Belgium)

PAINTBOX - 5/7 7" EP Hmmmm... this is kinda weird. Really rockin' punk with metal ass guitar solos. I don't like this at all. This is one of the few things I have ever reviewed that HG Fact put out that I am just not into. These guitar solos are out of an 80's metal nightmare and they don't lit the rest of the music, which is rock and roll garage punk stuff. The vocals are raspy and obnoxious; overall this just sounds ridiculous. It is well produced and I know some people might dig it, but I am not one of those people. (HG Fact 401 Hongo-m, 2-36-2 Yayoi-Cho Nakano-Ku, Tokyo 164-0013 Japan) (-Beth)

PANTHRO UK UNITED 13 - SOUND OF A GUN CD Another great band from Fla. Tons of power, yet still very rock and roll. You can definitely hear the Gainesville sound here: ie. Hot Water Music with some Leatherface too. Good good stuff. This band hasn't gotten enough credit yet - but they will be stand out for sure!! (No Idea/PO Box 14636/Gainesville FL 32604-4636) (-Beau)

PAWNS - SACRIFICE CD This band rocks! They've got the SFBay area sound, if you know what I mean by that. Dual male and female vocals that trade off and sing together (great voices!!!), the music gallops with all kinds of styles. Total energy and adrenaline. The "cover" for this CD disappeared as soon as I put it in the CD player — so it's been in there for over a month now. Not a problem though - cause I'm really into this band. Like a cross between X and Jack Acid. Totally punk and in your face. The variety throughout this is re-

freshing and keeps you on your toes. A touch of ska, a touch of this and a touch of that. And it gallops and bounces and it's super catchy. Fuck, I love this!! (Bad Monkey Records/473 N. St./Oakland CA 94609) ***

PEAWCES - THIS IS ROCK AND ROLL CD OK - take old Social Distortion, a little Rancid, throw them together and this is what you get. Rock and Roll. It's pretty good but when I find out their from Italy you have to give them more credit for sounding better than most American bands of this genre. (Mother Box/60 Denton Ave/E. Rockaway NY 11518 and Frigate Records/Via Rovigo 11/20132 Milano Italy) (-Beau)

PLAN E - SONGS FOR A RAINY DAY CD A drummer, keyboardist and 2, yes 2 bass players, from Finland got together and put together an arty, gothic, band with a little bit of Neurosis influence. So if that's your deal then you'll dig this. (Solarisid/PO Box 50/90251 Oulu Finland) (-Beau)

POINT OF FEW - 5/7 7" This is good powerful hardcore! Straight-forward, and tight with speed and power. It's got old-school 80s hardcore roots with the sing-a-long's and mosh-pits feel. Very explosive and heavy on the distortion. Good stuff. The artwork on the cover is just a tribal design without the bands actual name on it — somehow I could have easily overlooked this, but I'm glad I didn't cause it's good. (\$5ppd world/Goat Head Records/c/o Manuel/PO Box 324/7900 AH/Hoogeveen/The Netherlands)

PONTIUS PILATE - WITNES THE CRUCIFIXION OF ANOTHER FALLING EMPIRE 7" The Mpls punk sure do like their brutal metal crust and grindcore stuff. This new band is pretty raw with sharp edges. Underlying the thrashing grindcore and rasping vocals there is a very temperate and even mello punk beat — but on the surface this is all about the brutal crust. As it is, I'm not totally hooked - but all the ingredients are right. (Pagan Punk Records/c/o Arise Book Store/2441 Lyndale Ave S./Mpls MN 55405)

POSITIVE NEGATIVE - FOR HOW MUCH LONG WE CAN STAND THEIR OPPRESSION 7" This is awesome! Heavy and powerful hardcore with political lyrics and dual vocals - both moderate mid-ranged ones. This is Finnish hardcore punk punk that is totally right on!! The energy is high adrenaline paced and rocks to the gills with the incessant urgent vocals trading off. Totally powerful and absolutely awesome!! Doom keep coming to mind. Fuck yeah - this is the kind of thing I really like! (Fight Records/hikiuorenkatu 17 D 36/33710 Tampere Finland) ****

PREVAIL - NEW FOUNDATIONS LP I decided before I even heard this band that I was gonna love them. It was one of the instinctual feelings that I get that leads me to obsession. And I was right. Powerful metal hardcore with power-packed super punch; chugga chugga guitars with traveling melodies. Dual vocals of the screaming sort, belt it out together. And the icing comes from opening up the booklet of lyrics and explanations and realizing that they *care*: compassionate emo heartfelt feelings - making this so much more than just a band that rocks, which makes me able to fully



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MILEMARKER - FUTURE ISMS CD What happens when kids have too much access to technology? Well bands like this and bands like "Atom and His Package". Granted I could listen to this as background music and it is interesting and definitely socially relevant lyrics. I think that if I had to sit down and listen to this too much I would start having nervous twitches. Don't get me wrong, it's good, just a little... twitchy. (Point the Blame Records/10738 Millen/Montreal PQ H2C 2E6 Canada) (-Beau)

MORNINGSIDES - VIRTUE AND INSANITY CD OK, so at first it sounds like Rage Against the Machine, but then kids redeem themselves by playing good old Fullerton punk rock along the vein of Rick Agnew and DI. when they first started. If they stick it out to make another record with a more straight forward sound and a little better production, they could be really good. I guess I'll wait and see. (Ice-9 Records/PO Box 6737/Fullerton CA 92834) (-Beau)

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PAWNS - SACRIFICE CD This band rocks! They've got the \$5Bay area sound, if you know what I mean by that. Dual male and female vocals that trade off and sing together (great voices!!); the music gallops with all kinds of styles. Total energy and adrenaline. The "cover" for this CD disappeared as soon as I put it in the CD player - so it's been in there for over a month now. Not a problem though - cause I'm really into this band. Like a cross between X and Jack Acid. Totally punk and in your face. The variety throughout this is refreshing and keeps you on your toes. A touch of ska, a touch of this and a touch of that. And it gallops and bounces and it's super catchy. Fuck, I love this!! (Bad Monkey Records/473 N. St/Oakland CA 94609) ***

PEAWEEES - THIS IS ROCK AND ROLL CD OK - take old Social Distortion, a little Rancid, throw them together and this is what you get. Rock and Roll. It's pretty good but when I find out their from Italy you have to give them more credit for sounding better than most American bands of this genre. (Mother Box/60 Denton Ave/E. Rockaway NY 11518 and Fridge Records/Via Rovigo 11/20132 Milano Italy) (-Beau)

PLAN E - SONGS FOR A RAINY DAY CD A drummer, keyboardist and 2, yes 2 bass players, from Finland got together and put together an arty, gothic, band with a little bit of Neurosis influence. So if that's your deal then you'll dig this. (Solardis/PO Box 50/90251 Oulu Finland) (-Beau)

POINT OF FEW - 5/7 7" This is good powerful hardcore! Straight-forward, and tight with speed and power. It's got old-school 80s hardcore roots with the sing-a-long's and mosh-pits feel. Very explosive and heavy on the distortion. Good stuff. The artwork on the cover is just a tribal design without the bands actual name on it - somehow I could have easily overlooked this, but I'm glad I didn't cause it's good. (\$5ppd world/Goat Head Records/c/o Manuel/PO Box 324/7900 AH/Hoogeveen/The Netherlands)

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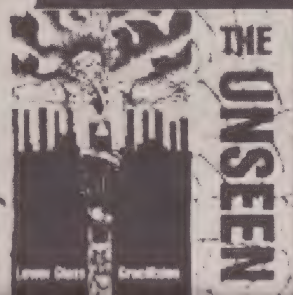
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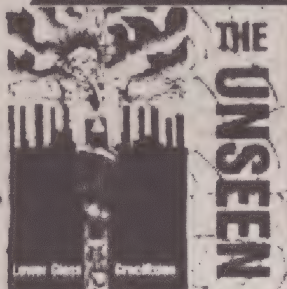


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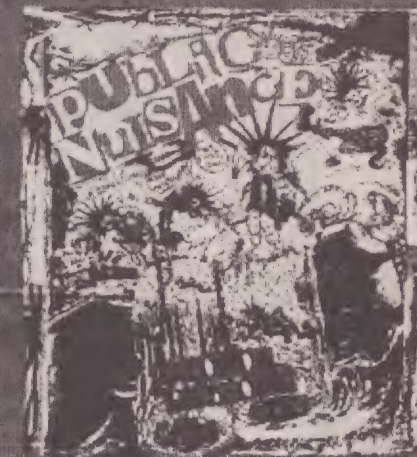
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live stuff that will make you a fan I think. I mean I like it, why wouldn't you? Right! And I don't even really like 'em either! (G-7 Welcoming Committee/Box 3-905 Corydon/Winnipeg MB R3M 3X3 Canada) (-Beau)

QUEZEL - THE MESSENGER LIES BLEEDING CD I think that it's already been 4 times in a row I've listened to this without stopping, which is a sure indication that I'm hooked. Quezel are totally different from anything else and their new sound is very refreshing as well as totally addictive. They have a really catchy and rockin' style with a dark sour feeling. They remind me of Insania from Poland a bit - but even that is an obscure reference - for the offbeat grooves and punchy bass lines. Their sound is full and layered with interweaving patterns and style. There is a main singer with an emotive screaming style and there are two other voices that weave together. I'm totally into this. Sometimes it's the things you like the best as well as the things that are most original that are the hardest to describe and pin down with words. This rocks!! I will be listening to this one on a regular basis for sure! (Conspiracy Records/PO Box 269/2000 Antwerpen 1/Belgium) ***

REACT - DEUS EX MACHINA LP These days getting a new full length LP from a band like React is about one of the best things going. This is an amazing band - political crusty Connecticut punk rock! This is one of the bands I'd be going to see every show of if I were still in NYC. Since the day this arrived - I've been playing it non-stop. I love it!! The music is heavy and powerful with Swedish hardcore overtones and galloping metallic style. They've got dual male and female vocals - which have the perfect trade off mix. This band rocks my world!! (Fired Up! Records/PO Box 8985/Mpls MN 55408) ****

REDEMPTION 87 - ALL GUINS POOLSIDE CD OK, so I know the singer of this band, so this will be a little one sided, but who cares? This band totally fuckin' rocks! They don't get enough credit but they're great "old school" punk rock! Plus with a Negative Approach cover and a Bad Brains cover and a Cromagms cover what else do you need? A political statement? Well they put a Sea Shepherd contact in there too! Heavy rotation in my CD player. (Blackout/PO Box 1575/NY NY 10009) (-Beau)

RESIST AND EXIST - DARE TO STRUGGLE DARE TO WIN! 7" This is awesome - powerful anarcho-peace punk with a raging energy and passion. Drawing on the style of Conflict and quite similar to Aus Rotten - they play with a relentless strength and powerful speed. This is just the kind of thing that serves as an inspiring energy boost - the kind that gets under my skin and fuels my fire. Excellent lyrics with a non-compromising revolutionary attitude - about embracing cultural diversity, empowering women and minorities, and staying true to the ideals of the compassionate punk movement. Dual male and female vocals - both of which are awesome! Between Resist and Exist and A/Political - I think the current political anarcho-peace punk scene will get not only a kick in the ass but a huge dose of inspiration!! This rules all around!! (Spiral Records/1916 Pike Place #12/Seattle WA 98101) ****

SAETIA - S/T CD I was happy to see a release from this band outta my past (at ABC NO RIO). This is totally emo - of the harsh discordant meets emotive kind. They have clean guitar parts with clear whining vocals - and then they burst through with the driving force. I prefer the animated parts and the slower parts have enough sour notes to almost start to turn me off. But in the blend of it all - I quite enjoy this. It doesn't rock my world in half - but I dig it all the same. (Mountain Record/Saeta: 193 Waverly Place/NY NY 10014)

SANDKICKER/SUMMER OF KILLING FLIES - SPLIT CD Sandkicker is really good. They're in the Hot Water Music genre which I like - emo-folk and roll. Summer of Killing Flies is definitely an emo-sounding band with sparse poetic vocals that don't really do it for me. But I think the CD is worth a chance since Sandkicker is really good. (PO Box 10212/Ogden UT 84409) (-Beau)

SAPHEAD/MYNDENT SPLIT 7" Saphead plays fast metallic punk. The vocals are sloppy and screamed, sometimes a little nasally. This is all right; I don't love it, and I don't hate it. The layout on the insert is sloppy, but the cover has some kinda cool artwork on it. Myndent play much the same style, a little faster and the dual vocals are actually really good. Of the two bands I definitely prefer Myndent. I liked the girl's vocals the best.

Myndent are much better than I would have guessed them to be. (1411 W.Niagara Tucson AZ 85745) (-Beth)

SCORED - S/T 7" Mpls delivers the anarcho-crust punk goods once again. Scored are awesome! Super heavy. Ultra powerful. With a thick, chunky and heavily distorted sound. Drawing on the Mpls references - there's a touch of Misery in here - taking axe-wielding heaviness and keeping a touch of upbeat tempo in there. Mostly, this is utter brutality with blazing speed that is powered by a drop-tuned heavy distortion. Fuck yeah - this makes me happy!! (In a dark and doomy way!) (Scored/PO Box 8172/Mpls MN 55408-0172) ****

SCROTUM GRINDER/COMBAT WOUNDED VETERAN - Split 7" Fuck Yeah!! Scrotum Grinder have been one of my favorite bands this past year - obsessively so, to the point where I listen to their first 7" all the time and continually rave and rant about them. Needless



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to say, I've been anxiously awaiting this new stuff from them!! The cover design for this is awesome - with a cut out starburst shape. CWV always have awesome art-work! They do this ultimate (potentially confusing if you don't know the bands) thing and trade off songs through out the 7". **Combat Wounded Veteran** are much more manic and noisy with manic brutality and pain. They're heavy, powerful and explosive and the trade off works cause it makes me like CWV more than I might have

otherwise. Especially since **Scrotum Grinder** are one of my absolute favorite bands. I think they are one of the ultimate manifestations of crust-punk for me. Heavy and powerful with an explosive quality of brutal energy. Dual male and female (awesome!) vocals that trade off and scream and growl together. Their sound is powerful, full and heavy with death metal sounding guitars and an explosive un-remitting energy - and it rocks!! Yes - rocks my world for sure!! No matter how much I rave, in a few months time I'll have wished I said more. Now if only to see this band!! (Burrito Records/PO Box 3204/Brandon FL 33509-3204) ****

SHOOT THE HOSTAGES - NO WITNESS CD Looking at the cover I thought this was a bad crust band and Chris accidentally slipped it to me, but it's not. It kinda sounds like if you took Born Against and Poison Idea and mixed them together and gave them some tight, patch covered jeans. It's pretty good. Some overused samples. But still worth checking out. (12 Step Records and Rodent Popsicle. Write Shoot the Hostages at: PO Box 753 Alliston St/Boston MA 02134) (-Beau)

SPAZZ/OPSTAND SPLIT 7" I hate it when the 7" doesn't mark which side is which. After I figured out that I wasn't listening to Spazz and focused on Opstand I liked them quite a bit. By the way they don't sound very good played at the wrong speed. They play fast, abrasive political hardcore. It appears they are from France, so some lyrics are in their native language, and others in English. Overall this is good but just a little more abrasive than I like my tunes. Now, the Spazz side rocks. I used to not really like this band and listening to this I am having a hard time remembering why. Powerlessness at it's finest? I dunno, something like that. I think this band is getting better with time. On this 7" they say that they would not exist if it weren't for Larm and I can really hear the influence. The 7" itself is really well put together, inserts and neat layout for the cover. A good release you can't go wrong

with. (Coalition Records PO Box 243 6500 AE Nimegen, the Netherlands) (-Beth) ***
STAB 4 REASON - DISPUTE IN MY BRAIN CD This Japanese band plays an excellent style of Bad Brains powerful hardcore meets reggae. I've heard this band before and been totally impressed. As far as I can tell - this CD is a collection of their releases over the past several years (demo, 7"s, etc). It's awesome! Hardcore that rages with explosive power and the vocals that range in tone, style and ability - much in the way that HR's did. And they have a couple parts where they break down into a traditional reggae-dub style that is also equally good. This is a style that I really like and Stab 4 Reason do it well - so this rocks! (Answer/Hase Bid NO 2 B1, 5-49/Osu Naka-Ku Nagoya City Aichi 460 Japan)

STORMSHADOW - BLACK POWER 7" Kinda like a Jack Acid meets the East Bay kind of punk rock. Energetic with male and female vocals and a strong political outlook. The booklet has lengthy descriptions of their lyrics - from an anarchist, smash the patriarchy point of view. They've got some snotty punk vocals too. Sometimes though this gets kinda jazz fusion style with a lot of bubbling bass and I can do with out that. All in all, though I'm into this and appreciate the politics of this band. (Ch-Ching Records c/o Matthew Crawford/634 Manmouth Ave/Port Monmouth NJ 07758)

STRANGE CORNER - SHISM CD Very NYC hardcore sounding band complete with my favorite "mash" parts! No not really my favorite but if Negative approach were from Italy and around now, I think this is what they would sound like. Growling vocals, some youth crew back ups, heavy yet still fast at times. (Vacation House Records/Via S. Michele 56/13069 Vigliano Biellese (BI) Italy) (-Beau)

SUICIDE NATION - S/T LP I love a band that's a wall of powerful heaviness and triumph as soon as I put the needle down. This is awesome Swedish death metal all the way, with emo sensibilities. They're heavy and powerful with a full assaulting sound. The guitars travel with Swedish death metal guitar lines and it all thunders with power and triumphant metal overtones. They have a compassionate caring side - with intended emotional pouring - which mixes in the emo side (not in sound) but in attitude. The vocals are gruff and screaming. This label delivers lots of that kind of thing - which is basically perfect for me! (King of the Monsters/8341 E San Salvador/Scottsdale AZ 85358)

TEMPLARS - OMNE DATUM OPTIMUM CD Probably one of the two best skinhead Oi bands in the US - of course GMM to boot! If you're a fan of good Oi then here it is. If you haven't heard of them and you like Oi - where have you been? Of course all the Templar references and Latin jabs adds to this record. OK, stand up, walk outside and get this boot, boys and girls. (GMM/PO Box 15234/Atlanta GA 30333) (-Beau)

TERVET KADET - THE ULTIMATE PAIN CD Motorhead and Broken Bones but just a pinch of Dr. Know. That's the recipe of this band from Finland. Kinda hokey lyrics but they're delivered with enough power that it really doesn't matter. A good powerful and angry band, even if their slower songs leave a boring taste in your mouth. Oh well. Over all a good rec. (Solardisk/PO Box 50 90251 Oulu Finland) (-Beau)

THE ASSMEN - ENEMA NATION CD This sounds like it would be on one of the early MRR comps. Kind of an early 80s Cali sound, as long as your dancing in a circle and not paying attention to the lyrics it's really good! (Dirty Records/PO Box 6869/Glendale AZ 85312-6869) (-Beau)

THE FALSIES HATE YOU - CD Hmmm... well let's see? I don't know if this is a "joke" band but in 26 songs there has to be something good or funny! Well this was funny. I guess songs like "Stacey has a pee pee" and "d'Alanis Morissette must die!" are the funniest to me. (Imperfekt Records/PO Box 2846/Columbia MD 21045) (-Beau)

THE JABS - TIME OF NEGLIGENCE CD Well I guess sXe is kinda big in Singapore? This is very typical sXe music with the slow kinda "moshy" parts, then faster verses that people don't know what to do during. If all you do is live and breathe sXe, then you might like this, but since I don't, I don't. (Straights Records/Blk 225/02-58/Pasir Ris St. 21/Singapore 510225) (-Beau)

THE PIMPS - S/T 7" This has that garage punk feeling that I don't really like. The vocals are prominently up front in a half spoken manner and kinda reminds me of some weird old punk band that I can't identify right now. I can't help but say that I think this is awful - there is really nothing about it that I like. (Incubator/8461 Quincy St/Norfolk VA 23503)

THE RANDUMBS - IT'S ABOUT TIME CD Remember when you would get embarrassed about saying a band name but still really liked the band? Well this is a case of it right here! Good good good fun punk rock. Track #4 is my favorite by far - it reminds me of when I was young and wanted to skate and drink beer all day long. Well those days are over but listening to this makes me do it again. (GMM Records/PO Box 15234/Atlanta GA 30333) (-Beau)

THE TROUBLE - NOBODY LAUGHS ANYMORE CD Why am I impressed that this is from Georgia? I don't know, it seems as though GMM can't put out a bad thing. Take what you know about the label (ie: Anti-Heroes and Drop Kick Murphy's) and this is totally in the same vein! Hardcore Oi music from the South! This is one of my picks for the month for sure. (GMM Records/PO Box 15234/Atlanta GA 30333) (-Beau)

THE TWITS - S/T CD I picked this up expecting yet another mediocre oi-streetpunk band (from the name and artwork) and got greeted with a powerful introduction which lead into the awesome attention-commanding female vocals. Instantly this was a new favorite and I've been totally hooked since then. The Twits have a really strong likening to Naked Aggression (of whom I'm also a big fan). From the start I thought the Twits had way more of a powerful crunch in their sound. Though the more I listen to this the more I hear the Naked Aggression similarities. Fil (the gal's) voice is awesome - strong and powerful as she belts out her angry words. There's back-up vocals too with some chorus like sing-a-long parts and the guy's got his own songs to sing on with

an aggressive crust-punk vocaled growl style. Full on - in your face, pissed-off, angry punk rock that it fast and tight with the hooks and catchiness to totally rock - and this does - rock my world!! (Dirty Records/PO Box 6869/Glendale AZ 85312) ****

THE VATICANS - DEATH THROUGH INDOCTRINATION 7" I think these kids must be Catholic school rebels as they've got quite a theme about religion, as well as war and the patriarchy. The recording is rough and raw but their anger and energy and catchy punk rock style ring through loud and clear. The distortion muddies this a bit - but the songs are tight and kickin and this is really a good political punk band to keep an eye out for. (3317 Belden Dr./Mpls MN 55418)

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RESIST AND EXIST - DARE TO STRUGGLE DARE TO WIN! 7" This is awesome - powerful anarcho-peace punk with a raging energy and passion. Drawing on the style of Conflict and quite similar to Aus Rotten—they play with a relentless strength and powerful speed. This is just the kind of thing that serves as an inspiring energy boost - the kind that gets under your skin and fuels my fire. Excellent lyrics with a non-compromising revolutionary attitude - about embracing cultural diversity, empowering women and minorities, and staying true to the ideals of the compassionate punk movement. Dual male and female vocals—both of which are awesome! Between Resist and Exist and A/Political - I think the current political anarcho-peace punk scene will get not only a kick in the ass but a huge dose of inspiration!! This rules all around!! (Spiral Records/1916 Pike Place #12/Seattle WA 98101) ****

SAETIA - ST CD I was happy to see a release from this band outta my past (at ABC NO RIO). This is totally emo—of the harsh discordant meets emotive kind. They have clean guitar parts with clear whining vocals— and then they burst through with the driving force. I prefer the animated parts and the slower parts have enough sour notes to almost start to turn me off. But in the blend of it all - I quite enjoy this. It doesn't rock my world in half—but I dig it all the same. (Mountain Record/ Saetia: 193 Waverly Place/NY NY 10014)

SANDKICKER / SUMMER OF KILLING FLIES - SPLIT CD Sandkicker is really good. They're in the Hot Water Music genre which I like - emo-rock and roll. Summer of Killing Flies is definitely an emo-sounding band with sparse poetic vocals that don't really do it for me. But I think the CD is worth a chance since Sandkicker is really good. (PO Box 10212/Ogden UT 84409) (-Beau)

SAPEHEAD/MYNDENT SPLIT 7" Sapehead plays fast metallic punk. The vocals are sloppy and screamed, sometimes a little nasally. This is all right; I don't love it, and I don't hate it. The layout on the insert is sloppy, but the cover has some kinda cool artwork on it. Myndent play much the same style, a little faster and the dual vocals are actually really good. Of the two bands I definitely prefer Myndent. I liked the girl's vocals the best.



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are much more manic and noisy with manic brutality and pain. They're heavy, powerful and explosive and the trade off works cause it makes me like CWV more than I might have

SHOOT THE HOSTAGES - NO WITNESS CD Looking at the cover I thought this was a bad crust band and Chris accidentally slipped it to me, but it's not. It kinda sounds like if you took Born Against and Poison Idea and mixed them together and gave them some tight, patch covered jeans. It's pretty good. Some overused samples. But still worth checking out. (12 Step Records and Rodent Popsicle. Write Shoot the Hostages at: PO Box 753 Allston St/Boston MA 02134) (-Beau)

SPAZZ/OPSTAND SPLIT 7" I hate it when the 7" doesn't mark which side is which. After I figured out that I wasn't listening to Spazz and focused on Opstand I liked them quite a bit. By the way they don't sound very good played at the wrong speed. They play fast, abrasive political hardcore. It appears they are from France, so some lyrics are in their native language, and others in English. Overall this is good but just a little more abrasive than I like my tunes. Now, the Spazz side rocks. I used to not really like this band and listening to this I am having a hard time remembering why. Power violence at it's finest? I dunno, something like that. I think this band is getting better with time. On this 7" they say that they would not exist if it weren't for Larm and I can really hear the influence. The 7" itself is really well put together, inserts and neat layout for the cover. A good release you can't go wrong

I put the needle on this. This is awesome Swedish death metal all the way, with emo sensibilities. They're heavy and powerful with a full assaulting sound. The guitars travel with Swedish death metal guitar lines and it all thunders with power and triumphant metal overtones. They have a compassionate caring side—with intended emotional outpouring—which mixes in the emo side (not in sound) but in attitude. The vocals are gruff and screaming. This label delivers lots of that kind of thing—which is basically perfect for me! (King of the Monsters/8341 E San Salvador/Scottsdale AZ 85358)

TEMPLARS - OMNE DATUM OPTIMUM CD Probably one of the two best skinhead Oi bands in the US - of course GMM to boot! If you're a fan of good oi then here it is. If you haven't heard of them and you like Oi - where have you been? Of course all the Templar references and Latin just adds to this record. OK, stand up, walk outside and get this boot boys and girls. (GMM/PO Box 15234/Atlanta GA 30333) (-Beau)

TERVEET KADET - THE ULTIMATE PAIN CD Motorhead and Broken Bones but just a pinch of Dr. Know. That's the recipe of this band from Finland. Kinda hooky lyrics but they're delivered with enough power that it really doesn't matter. A good powerful and angry band, even if their slower songs leave a boring taste in your mouth. Oh well. Over all a good rec. (Solardisk/PO Box 50/90251 Oulu Finland) (-Beau)

THE ASSMEN - ENEMA NATION CD This sounds like it would be on one of the early MRR records. Kind of an early 80s Cali sound, as long as your dancing in a circle and not paying attention to the lyrics it's really good! (Dirty Records/PO Box 8669/Glendale AZ 85121-6869) (-Beau)

THE FALSIES HATE YOU - CD Hmmmm... well let's see? I don't know if this is a "joke" band but in 26 songs there has to be something good or funny! Well this was funny. I guess songs like "Stacey has a pee pee" and "Alanis Morissette must die!" are the funniest to me. (Imperfect Records/PO Box 2846/Columbia MD 21045) (-Beau)

THE JABS - TIME OF NEGLIGENCE CD Well I guess sXe is kinda big in Singapore? This is very typical sXe music with the slow kinda "moshy" parts, then faster verses that people don't know what to do during. If all you do is live and breathe sXe, then you might like this, but since I don't, I don't. (Straights Records/Bk 225/#02-58/Pasir Ris St 21/Singapore 510225) (-Beau)

listen to this the more I hear the Naked Aggression similarities. Fil (the gal)'s voice is awesome—strong and powerful as she belts out her angry words. There's back-up vocals too with some chorus like sing-a-long parts and the guy's got his own songs to sing on with

an aggressive crust-punk vocoded growl style. Full on - in your face, pissed-off, angry punk rock that it fast and tight with the hooks and catchiness to totally rock - and this does - rock my world!!! (Dirty Records/PO Box 8669/Glendale AZ 85121) ****

THE VATICANS - DEATH THROUGH INDOCTRINATION 7" I think these kids must be Catholic school rebels as they've got quite a theme about religion, as well as war and the patriarchy. The recording is rough and raw but their anger and energy and catchy punk rock style ring through loud and clear. The distortion muddles this a bit - but the songs are tight and kickin and this is really a good political punk band to keep an eye out for. (3317 Belden Dr/Mpls MN 55418)

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VA A WILL TO EXTINCTION COMPILATION 7" These are one of those crusty-punk comps that I think I should like but I really can't stand. There's a ton of bands on here cause most of them have short blast-beat burst of mayhem. It's nearly impossible to tell who is who cause the only ordered listing is in scratchy lettering on the centerstamp. There's some decent stuff here but too much of it is of the thrashing, manic grindcore crust with bad recordings variety. Bands included: Ebola, John Bender, Disabuse, Stigmata Uno, Dead End, Global Holocaust, Soul Compost, Idi Amin, Last Night I Dreamt..., and Dead End Fool. (I think I got them all). Ugh. This is a tough one cause it's really pretty bad. For thrashing crust die hards only. (\$3ppd/Disopress/193 Patricia Ln/White Lake MI 48386)

VA BACK TO DONUTS: A NO IDEA COMP CD A sampling of No Idea's bands past and present. Some unreleased stuff and some live stuff too. I mean you know who you like on No Idea right? Well here are some of the better bands I think: Hot Water Music (live), Less Than Jake, Panthro UK United 13, Schlong and Hankshaw. A 33 band comp can only be so good you know? I'm not a fan of comps but these bands make it enough to go out and get it and you can't lose for the price. (\$3/No Idea/PO Box 14636/Gainesville FL 32604) (-Beau)

VA BETTER TOMORROW? VOLUME 2 CD A Finland comp. with six bands from, Duh... Finland. A brief generalization of the bands: No Support - SXE band; Totus - power violence NY sounding band; Kastralto - the only band that sang in their native language; Disco - another SXE band; Wind of Pain - a crossover sounding political band; Sharpeville - emo noisy band with spoken lyrics. (Merwi Records/PO Box 53/15141 Lahti Finland and Haila Jukaisut/Kasarmikatu 18 a 2/00130 Helsinki Finland) (-Beau)

VA DESTROYING SOUTHERN TRADITION COMPILATION 7" EP YES!!!! This is a great compilation. We have on this fine piece of vinyl Deathreath, Damad, Suppression and Equily. God the Damad song on here rocks my world! Everything else also kicks ass but the Damad song is just the best. I love that band!! Victoria's vocals just pummel me with their amazing strength. According to the liner notes this was supposed to come about four years ago, so I guess most of the songs on here are older. The Suppression one is even with their original line-up. Anyhow, the packaging is great and the music is awesome and there just isn't a good reason not to go out and buy this fine compilation today! (At a Loss Records c/o Strick Figure PO Box 55462 Atlanta GA 30308) (-Beth)

VA EVERSOR/COMRADES SPLIT 7" I love SOA records and their releases and this one is no exception. Eversor play poppy post-hardcore music, and they do it well. I don't like a lot of that stuff but this is good. Sort of like Promise Ring or Sensefield stuff. It looks to me that this band is from Italy but they sing in English and they sound American, but whatever. Comrade is about as opposite to Eversor as you can get. They play really brutal metal grindcore kinda stuff. The vocals are as deep as they get and the guitars are dark and distorted sounding. They play fast as hell and although I don't listen too much of this stuff it is good for what it is. Their lyrics are kinda funny and about the hardcore scene. Good release for SOA, great packaging. (SOA Records c/o Paolo Petralia via Oderisi da Gubbio 67/69 00146 Roma Italy) (-Beth)

VA FOUR TWO PUDDING: VERY SMALL RECORDS 1988-1993 - COMP CD It's about time this came out on a CD! Hard stuff to find, like songs from "make the collector nerds sweat" are on this CD. Well a lot of older Very Small stuff. Great bands from yesteryear that I love! Screaching Weasel, Econochrist and tons of others. 25 songs from 25 great bands! Hey Chris, can I have this one?? (Very Small Records - No Idea/PO Box 14636/Gainesville FL 32604) (-Beau)

VA GUNMAN IN THE CLOCKTOWER - Comp 7" This is a bare-bones DIY compilation with Gutbucket, Reckless Abandon, Sirr Issac Lyme, Lost Cause and Dislempered.

By bare bones, I mean xeroxed cover with no info or layout or anything. And that is a shame cause these bands are all pretty good and you don't even know where they are from, let alone what they are about. In this day of way too many crappy 7"s - a bit of time needs to be spent on the layout! Anyway - the bands are good and all going together well. The sound quality is good the whole way through (unlike many comps) - this one flows great. All the bands are playing power pop punk with high energy and adrenaline - the "in your face" punk rock kinda stuff - so this really makes sense the whole way through. I think Dislempered stand out as my favorite. I enjoyed this, and it's hard to believe that these bands are mostly all in high school and making their first attempts at recording cause this is way better than average.

(Reminiscent Records c/o Warren Oster/2525 Lewis Ct/Lakewood CO 80215)

VA HUNGARY LAD? COMPILATION 7" Five good crust punk bands on this nice little comp. Diskonto are by far the best known of the bands on this comp, and I'd say that they have the best track on here as well. The other bands are Direct Action, Armistice, Hooligan Riot and Kings of Feedback. The packaging is basic and everything is in black and white, but it all gets the point across. It seems that all the bands are political in nature with maybe the Kings of Feedback who didn't print their lyrics. This is a good international compilation worthy of your attention. (Circle A Records/fuckin fuckers records PO Box 1553 Mishawaka IN 46546 USA) (-Beth)

VA IST DA WER? COMP 7" I found this one kind of confusing as it's a comp but if you don't know the band names it takes a while to figure out who they are and what is what. The title translates to "Is There Somebody Out there?" Konstrukt, Kobayashi and Kawaskai the 3 bands on side A all run together with a similar heavy noisy sound. Program K start off side B with a more disjointed style, but still go with the heavy and noisy theme - heading into a manic power violence explosion through 3 songs and then Prohaska wrap this up with a short techno thing. All these bands are from Austria and they all go together well, as I said it's almost hard to tell them apart, but it's not really my thing. (Sacro K-Baal/Felberstr. 20/12 A-1150 Vienna Austria)

VA LIBERAME - 7" This is one of those comps. 7"s that I know is gonna be good before I even listen to it - based on a few good bands I know and the fat informative to the cause booklet that accompanies this. The cause is education and awareness about immigration issues and violations of human rights - specifically focusing on Central and South Americans and Spanish speaking peoples. Liberame translates to "Free Me". Lots of info and addresses for people to get further info. The bands cover a pretty broad range of styles



(as is the point) - from noisy grindcore, explosive hardcore, to more upbeat energetic punk hardcore. Includes: Huasipungo, Los Crudos, Kontraatlague, Swipe, Godstomper, Youth Against, Parades End, Former Members of Alfonsin. (\$3ppd/\$5 world/Elgrito/PO Box 20722/LA CA 90066)

VA MUSIC DOES A BODY GOOD - COMP CD I'm not a huge fan of comps, but after looking at the bands and recognizing some of the bands I was interested in this comp. Some of the bands I thought would be good weren't, and vice versa. The bands that stand out were The Wives, Felix

Frump, Ensign, Van Buildergrass, and of course Lifetime. All in all it's a decent comp. (Glue/PO Box 320/Verona NJ 07044-0320) (-Beau)

VA NEW YORK'S GREATEST TITS, PITTSBURGH'S BIGGEST DICKS This is a split record between the Spider Cunts from NYC and the Creeps from Pittsburgh. The Spider Cunts deliver us with some good old-fashioned three-chord punk fucking rock. The Spiders Cunts are like a punker Lunachicks. They are really good, and better live than on this recording at least. The Creep play very traditional old school drunk punk stuff. A good idea of what they sound like, one song is called White Trash Bitch. You get the picture. (Receptacle Records PO Box 20259 Tompkins Sq. Station New York NY 10009) (-Beth)

VA SKINS N' PINS COMP CD With bands like the Anti-Heroes, The Duckie Boys, The Dropkick Murphys, One Way System and Oxymoron, just to name a few, this is one of the best of streetpunk comps I've heard in years! Along the lines of those great Oi comps that came out of England years ago. I want to write a huge glowing review of this but the only words that come to mind are holy shit! This is one of the few comps that I have listened to all the way thru by choice and if you know me, that's a big accomplishment! (GMM Records/PO Box 15234/Atlanta GA 30333) (-Beau)

VA THE 3 WAY DANCE: NO REDEEMING SOCIAL VALUE VS. ROMANTIC GORILLA VS. THE SIX & VIOLENCE CD A really funny concept record that I don't think is meant to be super serious. If you like these bands it's a must find for you and the winner of the hardcore wrestling champion is... The Six and Violence. (Striving for Togetherness/PO Box 56457/College Point NY 11356-4571) (-Beau)

VA THE AGGRESSION OF PROGRESSION: RICHMOND VA HARDCORE COMP LP I was so excited to see this compilation of Richmond bands. Just at the time when my faith is

very much renewed with the potential for great things to happen here - this well-done project that was compiled with care proves that things are looking up. Hand-screened covers and a booklet with the band info and a second with zinesters from Richmond. I know there's a ton of bands in Richmond - but this comp, puts in all in perspective. Listening to this makes you realize that there is a lot of great music coming from this town that covers a full range of diversity from old-school hardcore to emo-hardcore to crust-punk to power-violence. Bands included: Flesheating Creeps, Monotonashluck, Lewistown, Wheelbite, Red Angel Dragnet, Rasp, Landmark, James River Scralch, Tri-State Killing Spree, PCP Roadblock, Count Me Out, Target For Aggression, Kojak, Lycosa, and Hands Held Out. All the bands sound great - good recordings and quality - and as I said there are a lot of great bands here! I won't describe each one, but this comp. is so very much worth getting your hands on. They're selling this for almost nothing (\$3). I suggest sending \$5 to cover postage and it's a bargain well worth it!! (Richmond Underground Propaganda/805 W. Cary St./Richmond VA 23220) ****

VA THE EXCURSION COMP CD A comp. put out so people will buy it cause of the Trial, Botch and Serpico songs; hoping people will like the other bands a lot of the bands are good and it's a strong comp. But I put it in and listened to the Trail song first - oops! Well it's a good comp with good songs cause yes I did listen to it all. Other bands: Red Rocket, State Route 522, Hutch, Brand New Unit, Undertown, Slowsidedown, Jayhawker, Nineironspitfire, and Lit. (Excursion Rec/PO Box 20224/Seattle WA 98102) (-Beau)

VA THE RIGHT TO ASSEMBLE - 7" A hardcore punk compilation of bands from New Brunswick, New Jersey - a place there has always been a lot of good bands coming out of as this collection proves. We've got The Degenerates, Stormshadow, Heidnik Stew, Fanshen, Try, Fail, Try, and Worthless. I was really into this - cause most of these are bands that I've really enjoyed previous material from - and that always makes a 7" all the more appealing. Plus all these bands are right in the energetic blend of hardcore and punk as well as being either somewhat political or conscientious. Each band is good for a different reason and I like this the whole way through. (Right to Assemble/PO Box 68/Jamesburg NJ 08831)

VA YOUTH AGAINST POLITICAL VIOLENCE - COMP CD A good idea for a comp, unfortunately not the best bands on it. I think it does have a good mix of bands from Argentina, Slovenia, Brazil, Chile, Italy and the US. Stand out tracks are from a band called Stinkaholic who sound a lot like Operation Ivy. (Deifer Records/PO Box 2035/Santiago 21/Chile) (-Beau)

VAGINAL DISCHARGE - FROTH CD Okay, so the name sucks! But it's kinda fun acoustic git and some harmonica with some funny ass songs like "Bring me the head of Bono" and "Plastic Girl". This is comp. tape material all the way - putting it between some Hatebreed and Hot Water Music. People who like Atom and His Package will like this - tons of laughs. (Reality Impaired Rec/PO Box 1285/Joplin MO 64802) (-Beau)

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vs DESTROYING SOUTHERN TRADITION COMPILATION 7" EP YESS!! This is a great compilation. We have on this fine piece of vinyl! **Deathreath, Damad, Suppression and Equity.** God the Damad song on here rocks my world! Everything else also kicks ass but the Damad song is just the best. I love that band!! Victoria's vocals just pummel me with their amazing strength. According to the liner notes this was supposed to come about four years ago, so I guess most of the songs on here are older. The Suppression one is even with their original line-up. Anyhow, the packaging is great and the music is awesome and there just isn't a good reason not to go out and buy this fine compilation today! (At a Loss Records c/o Stick Figure PO Box 55462 Atlanta GA 30308) (-Beth) *****

vs EVENSOR/COMRADES SPLIT 7" I love SOA records and their releases and this one is no exception. **Eversor** play poppy post-hardcore music, and they do it well. I don't like a lot of that stuff but this is good. Sort of like Promise Ring or Sensefield stuff. It looks to me that this band is from Italy but they sing in English and they sound American, but whatever. **Comrade** is about as opposite to Eversor as you can get. They play really brutal metal grindcore kinda stuff. The vocals are as deep as they get and the guitars are dark and distorted sounding. They play fast as hell and although I don't listen too much of this stuff it is good for what it is. Their lyrics are kinda funny and about the hardcore scene. Good release for SOA, great packaging. (SOA Records c/o Paolo Petralia via Oderisi da Gubbio 67/69 00146 Roma Italy) (-Beth)

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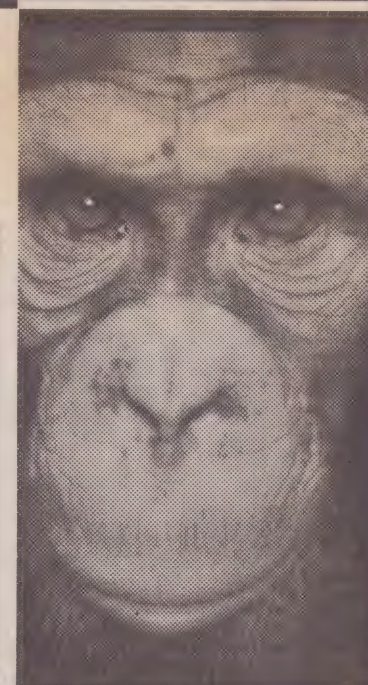
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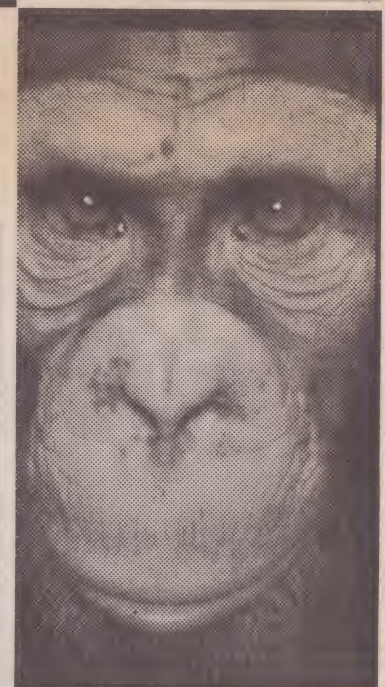
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further the reach of corporate colonialism is extended itself into the lives, minds and hearts of the people.

There is a reason that the inner cities and suburbs of the world are seized with an intense sense of hopelessness and despair, a feeling of insignificance and apathy. There is a reason that people know not where to turn for answers or solutions to the mounting problems before them. There is a reason why

from noticing that the food we eat, the water we drink and the air we breathe is loaded with the chemical side effects of industry. We have stood by deaf and dumb while our soil is degraded and eventually killed by a rash of toxic fertilizers, pesticides, and genetically engineered seeds. We have watched desertification spread across every continent as the pain threshold of the Earth is blatantly thrown in our face. We are literally, and undramatically, watching as the very ability of the Earth to sustain life is being threatened by the acts and policies of global capitalism and rampaging nation states. And let's fess up... unless we do something about it, we are all fucked and only gonna get fucked worse as time goes on and the corporate infrastructure is allowed to further reinforce itself.

Enter the ecopunk fringe. We know beyond any shadow of doubt that industrial civilization is on a kamikaze path of destruction. We have researched, discussed, and analyzed the ways things are, where they are going and how they got to be so fucked up. We realize that the only path of liberation and salvation we have is making an unreserved and all out return to the land. We comprehend that the only through resurrecting our ties to the land, our ties to nature and our ties to each other, can we begin re-establishing our autonomy and our liberty. And the first part of actualizing these thoughts is taking back our land from the corporations and bureaucrats that are currently destroying it.

Taking It Back, part 1

The most permanent and sustainable way to take back land from the iron fist of corporate control is to put all the power of property rights behind you and buy it yourself. Now before you start chanting Proudhonist slogans about property being theft and all that shit, think about it. What is better for the Earth and better for us in shedding the corporate yoke of dependency, waiting for a revolution to benevolently distribute land to politically correct collectives, or getting to work becoming self-sufficient in the here and now? What is better, doing it or just talking about it?

Sure, although it is far more difficult to organize tangible, long-term projects like getting land than it is to cower behind vague political slogans or stick with our current obsession with feel good "hobby" activism, it is certainly possible. Those of us in the "First World" are fortunate enough to live in some of the most prosperous nations on Earth. We have the resources, skills, and political stability that make setting up a land trust or collective farm a relatively easily realized possibility. All it takes is a few dedicated people with some vision who are realistic(honest) enough to shed the subcultural deception that denying one's privilege makes it go away and who are willing to utilize their trust funds, inheritances and gasp, jobs, to help making sustainable projects a reality. Lets face it, we have the resources and rather than pretending that we are all poor squatter crusties in solidarity with the poor of the world, perhaps we should start using our privilege to start changing the world. Imagine what we could achieve if all of our friends with trust funds used their money not for buying beer and records for the next decade (as so many do), but used it as a down payment on



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projects for themselves and their communities. And although the pains and headaches of actually committing to something so long term are definitely present, it sure beats the hell out of perpetuating the cycle of corporate dependency.

In addition, unlike so many people assume, establishing sustainability projects in rural areas is by no means "dropping out" or a signification of the complete abandonment of urban struggles. If we are serious about making change in this world, we need to recognize the validity and necessity of both rural and urban life. First and foremost, there can be no independence or autonomy when people do not have control over the means to their own sustenance (as in cities). Yet at the same time, one of the most significant weaknesses of rural life is the alienation and sense of separation that comes from a lack of interaction with people. Thus, to further reinforce our communities, it would most certainly be wise to nurture a spirit of cooperation and interaction between rural and urban areas. (Which indeed is already in place)

Taking It Back; Part 2

Another, and equally essential, means of taking back the land is interfering with global capital's plans to liquidate the Earth for its ephemeral financial gain. Since the initial surges of industrialism began almost 200 years ago, certain individuals have recognized the dangers of rampant civilization and acted accordingly. Throughout history, from the Luddites and Levelers of the UK, to the Anti-Monopolists and Radical Grangers of the US, concerned citizens have attempted to derail the corporate machine from its swath of destruction and in-so-doing, have inspired a tradition of resistance that lives onwards today.

In every corner of the world, the hands of corporate power are attempting to seize what little is left of our wildlands in order that they may generate a profit for the next quarter. By utilizing the well greased hands of politicians and bureaucrats, exploiting the financial insecurities of workers, and through the further refinement of misleading propaganda, the corporate infrastructure has managed to legally liquidate more than 95% of the world's forests, strip mine our deserts, buy out our farms, overgraze our grasslands and generally reduce the land to a raw resource for exploitation and destruction. And although the destruction is



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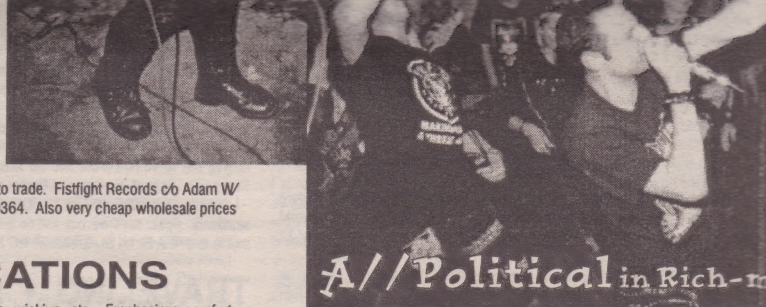
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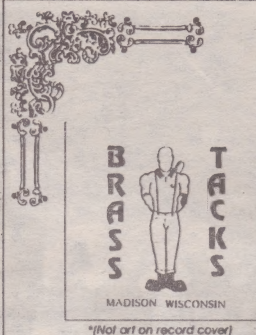
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to reach the average working types, and it alienated a lot of curious folks. There's also responses sent in about past articles. All the write-ins are well thought through critiques, followed by responses from each article's author. A sense of debate and different outlooks comes thru. Topics covered include: non-violence vs. armed resistance, what level of moral code doesn't contain some form of control and definitions of class war. Tons more is packed in this - the small bit about a neighborhood changing the parking rules to benefit their benefit without consulting the city is pretty cool. Just little things like that can be inspiring. Some of the articles are a bit politically long-winded, but they do cover a lot of ground. All in all a solid issue. (-Aprille)

BYEBYE #3 (\$1/Kristina/521 St. Vincent/San Mateo Ca 94404) This is a riot-grrl zine with a diy women's scene perspective. Much of the info was basic and stuff I feel I've read a hundred times before - but that is not to say it's not worth saying again. There's a now out of date interview with Bikini Kill (and I have to say it strikes me as funny that the ABC NO RIO halloween show was one of their worst shows ever!). Also half this zine is a lengthy article about beauty myth — about the mass media, products and "brainwashing" and that was a good read. Made me think of *Where the Girls Are* - which is an awesome book all about how women are portrayed in the media.

CAMP VOMIT #1 (\$1/FI/325 Palm St/Canton IL 61520) A 1/4 sized comic zine done with a gore style about working at a summer camp. I actually found the reading half about dead fish smelling in a stagnant pond more interesting. Fil does great artwork but it's kinda hard to really follow w/this gore and stench style.

CHEAPSKATE #6 (Mike, PO Box 20553, Ferndale, IL 48220) A zine heavy on personal politics. But that's part of the advantage of doing a zine to put your 2¢ out there. Since Mike works in a grocery store he writes a lot about it - grocery-core. Funny accounts of working with the grand American public as well as warped co-workers will bring shivers to anyone who's worked retail hell. There's a few interviews: Jeremy at Insurance Scam records, Andrew Lersen (Violently ill & Knot music) and a short one with grocery store customer Dirk Kroll (also in local MI band Catbox). Rants dealing with political topics as well as problems within the punk scene are present as well. Although the two sided direct action argument was presented in an interesting way. He also lists a good selection of zines available in his distro. (-Aprille)

CHUMPIRE #114 (stamp/PO Box 680 Conneaut Lake/PA 16316-0680) The latest one pager from Greg. Tid-bits; show mentions; movie reviews; zine and record reviews and recommendations with a regional local focus in the news dept. Issue #115 just arrived as well.

COREKILL ZINE COMPILATION VOL. 1 (\$1/Tom Watson, 3240 N. Marshall Rd. #1, Kettering, OH 45429) This is a retrospect of the early issues 1992-1998. If you haven't checked this out yet - this is a good sampler to start with. There's a great range of Tom's work represented here. Quite a few comics, ranging in subject from journal entries to humorous stories. A lengthy interview with Jim Greer (Guided by Voices), a wonderful tribute to his brother and tales of working in an assisted living center for mentally retarded and ill. Focusing on the bureaucratic bullshit surrounding the center, which is very frustrating and in no way helps the patients. Corekill is always an enjoyable read - because it's filled with things close to Tom, not following any set standard of zine contents. (-Aprille)

CORPORATE RESISTANCE #2 (\$2/816 Woods Pl/Exeter CA 93221-1046) A lot going on in this full size zine. Unfortunately the reversed printing made some of it unreadable. The black background just swallowed up the white letters. The reprint of the Flipside interview with Nick Blinko will please any Rudimentary Peni fan (even though Nick isn't too chatty). There's also interviews with Sean Goblin and Estado de Paz. The fictional tale centered around animal rights, was well done. I shipped the poetry entirely. The only parts that didn't carry on the positive outlook of the zine were the last two rants. One dealt with the band A/Political's views of chaos punks. There will always be a percentage of punks who aren't

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She obviously has passion, but about things like dollar signs over all the \$'s and three K's to capitalist or America. It belittles her writing. It's apparent from the facts there is evil and greed in these institutions. The flow, of it is lost in fumbling over the added grammar. (-Aprille)

DISTORTED VIEWS #2 (Katy Keefe/115 W. Randolph St./Wausau WI 54401) The premise of this one is to share information and educate beyond the confined walls of the punk scene. The info presented is great: lots of contacts and resources. Info on organic farming, political struggles and

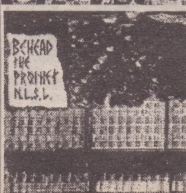
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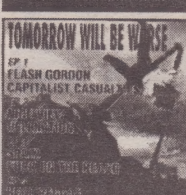
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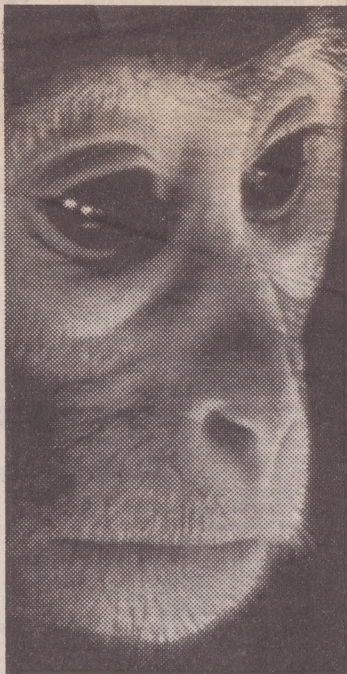
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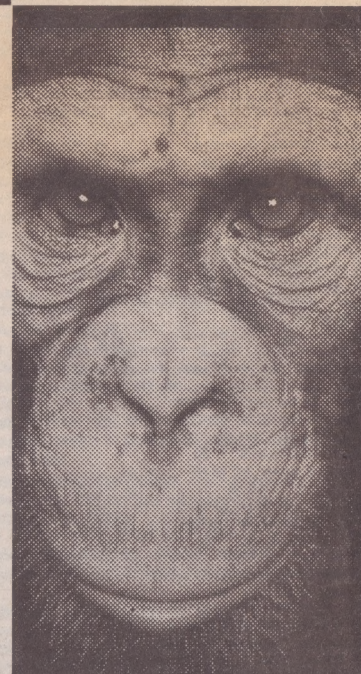
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